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TERMS OF SURRENDER ACCEPTED: AMBA ALAGI IN BRITISH HANDS: IMPORTANCE OF CAPTURE: EARLY COLLAPSE OF FINAL RESISTANCE

AMBA ALAGI, STRATEGICALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ITALIAN POSITION IN ABYSSINIA, HAS SURRENDERED AND BRITISH FORCES WERE DUE TO ENTER AND TAKE OVER THIS MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD AND ITS GARRISON YESTERDAY.

The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, and Italian Commander-in-Chief in East Africa, will himself surrender at noon today with his senior officers.

The Duke of Aosta is 42. He is a cousin of the King of Italy and a brother of the puppet King of Croatia.

A Reuter message states that the British accorded the Italians full military honours on the surrender, according to an Italian communique issued in Rome, owing to the latter's heroic resistance. The Duke of Aosta, the communique adds, is "sharing the garrison's fate."

GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHES TO THE CAPTURE OF AMBA ALAGI AND MUCH INTEREST IS BEING MAINTAINED IN THE EFFECT OF THE SURRENDER ON SMALL FORCES OF ITALIANS STILL RESISTING ELSEWHERE, SAYS BRITISH WIRELESS.

Units of the Sudan defence force, assisted by patriots, have captured an important position in the GONDAR sector, states Reuter.

In SOUTHERN ABYSSINIA, Imperial forces have taken an important road junction and captured 800 prisoners, including two colonels and several staff officers, two guns and two armoured cars.

As reported in a British G.H.Q. communique on Sunday the Duke of Aosta with his garrison of about 7,000 mostly Italians, was surrounded in Amba Alagi, and sent emissaries to ask for terms of surrender for all Italian forces in North Abyssinia. These terms were presented and accepted.

The Duke of Aosta was Italian Commander-in-Chief in East Africa but the situation has undergone a swift change in recent weeks.

The Duke had tried to hold the high ground hoping that heavy rains would bog the British in the low land but brilliant operations have since occurred, necessitating rapid changes of plan by the enemy, and it is understood the Duke has split his forces into three parts which probably have since been operating under independent commands, the Duke retaining the most important of them.

LITTLE SURPRISE

If the surrender of Amba Alagi is followed by a very quick collapse of other enemy forces, it would cause little surprise in London. These two forces are in the neighbourhood of Gondar, west of Amba Alagi, and Jimma, south-west of Addis Ababa.

A month ago, it was reliably estimated there were 22,000 enemy troops at Jimma but to what extent this number has been reduced

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DUKE OF AOSTA

In Libya, no change is reported in the situation at TOBRUK while south of "SOLLUM, two enemy columns, assisted by tanks, which crossed the frontier were driven back.

No change is reported in the situation at BASRA and HABBANIYAH.

Dentz Does Not Intend To Resist Invasion

In a news commentary, broadcast from London last night, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. commentator, said that bit by bit, as the story was being told, we learned of the extent to which Vichy had agreed to collaborate with Germany. Gen. Dentz was sending trainloads of war materials to Iraq from Syria and did not intend to resist invasion if one was tried. The feelings of the people in Syria were not taken into account.

Maj. Murray continued that so long as our fleet and air force are operating from Alexandria, Crete and Cyprus we had a very definite advantage in preventing the Germans from landing in Syria. The position here was better than in the Central Mediterranean.

Maj. Murray said he did not see how the Germans were going to consolidate their position in Iraq unless they were reinforced by troops sent other than by air.

BRIGHT LIGHT

Amidst the dull news from Syria there was a bright light in Abyssinia where the attacks on Amba Alagi had become too hot for the Duke of Aosta and he had thrown in the towel. It was better that we should end the whole Abyssinian show now because we have many commitments on our hands. What struck him as rather funny was the opposite situations in

which the brothers, Duke of Spoletto and Duke of Aosta, found themselves. One had been crowned king of Croatia and the other had become a prisoner of war.

No two nations, said Maj. Murray, could have sunk lower than the Axis in what they did with Croatia. After seven years in hiding, a man who was under sentence of death for the murder of King Alexander, had been received with pomp and ceremony in Rome by Mussolini. As a murderer he would be in good company with his Axis friends.

In the air, continued Maj. Murray, we were dealing out some hard blows on a variety of fronts all over the Middle East area. The enemy on the Egyptian frontier was none too happy. Our forces were attacking their communications by sea and air as well as making life pretty difficult for them.

BRITISH STILL HOLD SOLLUM

LONDON, May 19 (BWS)—German and Italian reports have claimed that SOLLUM has been recaptured by Axis troops.

Latest information in London shows that British still hold Sollum.

SIKORSKI BACK IN LONDON

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, has returned to London. He flew across the Atlantic in an American bomber, piloted by a



GEN. SIKORSKI

British crew, and arrived in Scotland last week.

He will report to Mr. Churchill on his visit to Canada and the United States where he conferred with President Roosevelt.

NEW CAMPAIGN

MELBOURNE, May 19 (Reuter)—An appeal for the bombed victims of Great Britain which has already brought \$267,000 has been reopened by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

He has urged a new campaign throughout the State of Victoria.

KINGDOM OF CROATIA RIDICULED

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The spectacle of the new kingdom of Croatia is ridiculed in well-informed circles in London.

It is pointed out that recently the Yugoslav Minister called on the Foreign Office and condemned the enemy attempt to create a separate so-called free country of Croatia.

The extent of the agreement between the views of the British and Yugoslav Governments was indicated by the fact that the communique was issued immediately after the Yugoslav Minister's visit.

HESS STILL WRITING & TALKING

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Herr Hess is still writing and talking.

Since his landing in Scotland a week ago, it is learned in London today that the Fuehrer's Deputy has been working hard at both.

The report that the wife of Herr Hess has been arrested is officially denied in Berlin, says the German News Agency.

It also denies that numerous arrests had been made in connection with the Hess incident.

DELHI, May 19 (Reuter)—Thirteen hundred mechanics of the total of 2,000 required by the Government of India for the Indian Air Force will be in training by the end of May.

Turkey Consents To Nazi Requests—Tokyo Report

TOKYO, May 19 (Reuter)—Turkey has consented to all German requests, including the permission for Nazi troops to cross Turkish territory into Iraq, a NICHU NICHU SHIMBUN dispatch from Istanbul reports.

The dispatch said that three Nazi ships loaded with explosives and other arms and ammunition had already left Constanza, port in Rumania, for the Turkish port of Samsun, on the Black Sea, whence the arms and ammunition will be shipped through Turkey to Iraq.

It is understood that a Nazi force, numbering approximately 10,000 men will soon arrive at Samsun to aid Iraqi troops to fight the British, the dispatch adds.

USE OF RAILWAY
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The possibility of war material being conveyed from Syria into Iraq by the railway which passes for some considerable distance over Turkish territory is receiving the closest possible attention of the British Government, it is learned in London.

Reports of war material being so conveyed are not yet officially confirmed.

GLADIATOR FIGHTERS
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—In Iraq, two Gladiator fighters—now considered to be obsolete—have shot down two Messerschmitts over Rashid aerodrome and machine-gunned the motor-transport.

—On Other— Pages

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HOPE FOR BEST BUT PREPARE FOR WORST

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter)—"Visiting the New Zealand, Australian and British troops. I found them all convinced they can face and smash anything the Totalitarian troops can bring against them," MR. PETER FRASER, Prime Minister of New Zealand, declared at a Press interview.

Questioned about the Pacific, Mr. Fraser said that New Zealand wanted peace but was prepared to stand up against aggression there, as in the Middle East of Britain, and for that purpose would, if necessary, use all her manpower and resources.

"We must hope for the best but prepare for the worst, he said, emphasising that the Japanese have shown no personal animosity against the Australians and the New Zealanders."

EVENTS IN GREECE

Discussing the events in Greece, Mr. Fraser said that no matter has been more thoroughly discussed with the Dominions than the expedition in Greece.

"He added: 'I feel the right thing was done. To have deserted Greece, it would have been like deserting a friend.'

"No military advance would be compensated for the damage—leaving the comrades without some effort to help them."

Mr. Fraser said that General Freyberg, V.C., commanding the New Zealanders, told him he had never thought that they would succeed during the retreat crossing the Corinth Canal.

They had a most difficult task in covering the retreating British Imperial Forces and showed throughout perfect unity and initiative.

ON HIS WAY BACK TO AUSTRALIA



MR. R. G. MENZIES, Prime Minister of Australia, left the United States yesterday on his return to Australia by air. His visit to America and his possible repercussions are regarded as one of the most important developments of the war. Mr. Menzies won American hearts and he was looked on more as an Oregon rancher than as a foreigner. His great gift was to speak of great things simply.

EGYPT'S HESS IS STILL AT LARGE

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter)—"Egypt's Hess," as the former Chief of Staff, Gen. Aziz el Masri, has been called since his abortive attempt to escape from Egypt by aeroplane, is apparently still at large.

"It would have served Iraq right if he had got there, for he always makes trouble wherever he goes," said one who knows him.

Described as eccentric, and a military adventurer of the old school seeking an adventure wherever he can find it, Aziz once owed his life to the late Lord Kitchener's intervention.

FOUGHT WITH TURKS

Aziz fought with the Turks in Tripoli against the Italians, but was subsequently sentenced to death by Enver Pasha, leader of the "Young Turks."

Only Lord Kitchener's intervention saved him. Later Aziz became head of the police school in Egypt and finally Chief of the Army Staff, but his ideas and methods proved out of date, losing him his job.

Although his latest exploit caused great excitement, there is no tendency to attach undue importance to his activities.

SYDNEY, May 19 (Reuter)—The first training regiment for New South Wales brigade of the Australian Imperial Force armoured division, will start operations at the end of the month.

CLARION CALL BY DE GAULLE

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—A clarion call to Frenchmen to "rebel against the traitors who are surrendering the Empire after having sold the fatherland" was made in a broadcast from Brazzaville by Gen. de Gaulle on Sunday.

"Wherever it is physically possible," he said, "Frenchmen must beware of obeying those people wherever in the invaded Empire they can use their weapons."

"They must use them against the enemy. France is with us."

Gen. de Gaulle added: "The Vichy people have delivered Syria to the Germans, but in a large part of the Empire, Frenchmen have acted and saved France from the dishonourable agreement."

"They have been able to reconstitute an army and air force."

FURTHER DAMAGE TO YARDS AT KIEL

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Further damage was caused to the shipbuilding yards of Germany's naval base, Kiel, on Sunday night by R.A.F. bombers.

The port at Emden was also bombed.

Naval aircraft operating with the Coastal Command attacked docks at Cherbourg.

No planes are missing from these operations.

NO CASUALTIES

German aircraft dropped bombs at two points in South-West England last night but no damage was done and there were no casualties, states an Air Ministry communique.

Two German aircraft were destroyed.

"Bligh of the Bounty House," once the home of Captain Bligh of the H.M.S. Bounty, was demolished by direct hits during a recent air raid.

The house, centuries old, is situated at Farningham, in Kent.

CRASH INTO SEA

A German bomber dived on an East Coast town this morning, was hit by an anti-aircraft shell, caught fire and crashed into the sea.

The raider exploded before the bombs its crew had released hit the ground—where they did no damage.

FIVE DOWNED

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Five German fighters were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in an engagement off the English coast this afternoon. The R.A.F. suffered no loss in this engagement, but two fighters were lost in combat during the morning.

The pilots of both these planes were safe.

Robbed With Detectives Next Door!

Ko Chung-kwong was on his premises, No. 149 Des Voeux Road Central, second floor—just above the cash-sweeps selling department of the Hongkong Jockey Club—at 3.30 p.m. yesterday when three men paid him a very unwelcome visit.

On entering, one of them produced a revolver and "covered" Ko, while the other two intruders proceeded to search.

When the three men had left, with \$30 in cash, a watch, fountain-pen and propelling pencil, Ko telephoned to one of his friends at Sincere Co. Ltd. This gentleman, by the name of Poon, advised the victim to make a report to the Police and accompanied him to the Central Police Station.

The irony of the situation was that, at the time of the robbery, Det.-Sgt. H. L. Oakley was in the next room conducting investigations, with a party of Chinese detectives in the street below.

If Ko had only called out the robbers would have been caught red-handed!

Today's News Summary

AMBA ALAGI has surrendered and great importance is attached to the capture of this mountain stronghold in Abyssinia. The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, will surrender at noon today together with his senior officers. No change is reported in the situation at Tobruk and at Basra and Habbaniyah.

KIEL SUFFERED further damage by R.A.F. bombers on Sunday night. Over Britain there was little enemy air activity.

THE AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, is on his way home to Australia after his extensive tour of Britain, Canada and the United States.

THE POLISH Prime Minister, General Sikorski, has returned to London following his visit to Canada and the United States where he had a talk with President Roosevelt.

SPEAKING IN CAIRO, Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, said that we must hope for the best but prepare for the worst. Mr. Fraser is on his way to London.

In the World of Sports

INDIANS BRING OFF FIRST UPSET OF THE BOWLS SEASON: K.B.G.C. "A" BEATEN

Redoubtable Carlos Silva Lose To Jack Shepherd

THE INDIAN R.C. AT SOOKUNPOO LAST SATURDAY BROUGHT OFF A MOST UNEXPECTED WIN AT THE EXPENSE of the strong Kowloon Bowling Green "A" whom they beat by eleven shots. This is by far the biggest success (or should I have said "bigger" as they have only won twice in three games?) achieved by the Indians to date. The results of the other four matches in the First Division were as expected.

The two leaders in the Second Division, Kowloon Tong and Prison Officers, both playing away, won in their respective matches, the former easily beating Hongkong Cricket Club by 46 shots. Incidentally, Kowloon Tong and Craigengower in the First Division were the only two teams to score the maximum points last Saturday and, strangely enough, both shared the credit of scoring the highest aggregate for the afternoon, each with 89 shots.

Craigengower, however, had the Kowloon C.C. have yet to win their bigger margin of win, their opponents, Kowloon C.C., securing only 41 shots whereas Hongkong C.C. scored 43 against Kowloon Tong.

The Indian R.C. in the Third Division have made their presence felt with a vengeance, scoring their straight win to keep their 100 per cent. record in the Third.

The only upset in the Third Division was the home defeat of the Kowloon Bowling Green at the hands of the Kowloon Football Club.

K.B.G.C. "A" UPSET

At home the Indian R.C. unexpectedly beat the Kowloon Bowling Green "A" by eleven shots in a First Division match. The Indians scored four out of the maximum five points.

At one stage in the game it looked very much as if the Indians would make a clean sweep, but A. R. Dallah, who was leading Adam Holland by 18-13 on the 18th head, conceded 4, 2 and 1 on the last three heads to lose by 18-20.

Abe Abbas, who has won in all his three games, came very near to losing his 100 per cent. record to A. H. Hall. Leading Hall by 18-4 on the 13th head, Abbas failed to score again on all but one of the remaining eight heads during which Hall kept on piling up the shots and came near to winning the game. He was only two shots behind Abbas at the end of the game.

A. K. Minu had matters very much his own way against G. H. Jheriff whom he beat by 24-13.

HIGHEST AGGREGATE

Credit for the highest aggregate so far in the First Division has gone to Craigengower who have achieved the feat twice, 89 shots against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday, and the same number of shots against Kowloon Docks the previous Saturday. On each occasion they scored the maximum five points.

The biggest rink win for the afternoon was accorded to U. M. Omar's rink who won with no less than 21 shots to spare against Teddy Fincher. Charlie Rosset was 15 shots up on J. Fraser.

B. W. Bradbury, aided by a six scored on the last head, beat Tommy Madar by 29-17. Incidentally,

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 31st May, and Monday, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY

Next week's matches are as follows:
FIRST DIVISION
Recreio "B" v. RECREIO "A"
Police R.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER

WAH YAN OLD BOYS' ATHLETIC MEET

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its fourth annual sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday, at 10.30 a.m. The programme includes a 400 metre relay race open to the Colony.

The tug-of-war and football match between the Past and the Present boys will constitute the highlights of the meeting.

The prizes have been donated by the patrons and the Council members of the Association, and Mr. Lim Hoi-lan, Headmaster of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will distribute the prizes.

Entries to the events are received by Mr. Tam Sik-poon c/o China Ink and Lacquer Co., Ltd., Shell House.

The programme is as follows:
Long Jump, "B" Grade 50 metres.
"A" Grade 100 metres. Shot put. High jump. Little visitors' race. 50 metres race (for the lady workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association). "A" Grade 200 metres. Obstacle race. Tug-of-war (Old boys v. Present boys). Football match (Old boys v. Present boys). 400 metres relay race (Open to the Colony).

The other two Recreio skips, R. F. Luz and "Spuggy" Silva, won the former beating Wally Mair by 31-14 and the latter beating E. G. Post by 23-14.

MARKED SUPERIORITY

Recreio "A" showed a marked superiority over the Police at King's Park last Saturday and won by 23 shots. The Portuguese won on two rinks, the redoubtable Carlos Silva bowling in defeat (the first one this season) to Jack Shepherd. Down by 6-16 on the 11th head, Shepherd fought back gamely and narrowly beat Silva by one shot at the end—this, in spite of a six conceded to Silva on the 11th head.

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CLEAN SWEEP

In the Second Division Kowloon Tong made a clean sweep in their away match against Hongkong C.C. whom they beat by 46 shots. W. J. Howard had the biggest rink win when he beat G. E. Costello by 18 shots. "Hope" Kew had 15 shots to spare against A. W. Brown and J. L. Stephens beat Frank Goodwin by 13 shots.

The Prison Officers, also playing away, beat Recreio by the fairly narrow margin of nine shots. They won on two rinks. C. Gwlad did as he liked against O. P. Remedios and ran away with a 30-11 win. W. J. Bagley did ten shots better than J. R. Soares, but A. J. Jillot was given a severe beating by J. A. Remedios and lost by no less than 20 shots.

CRAIGENGOWER BEATEN

The Indian R.C. in the Third Division have added further to their laurels by their 19 shots win over Craigengower in an away encounter. They are at present the leaders in that Division. They won on two rinks last Saturday. A. M. Wahab had the biggest rink win. He beat George Ladd by 18 shots.

A. O. Madar was eleven shots on the credit side, against A. J. Coelho. But S. M. Rumjahn who, to all intents and purposes, carried the Indians on his shoulders the Saturday before against the Hongkong Football Club, went down to L. Gaddi by eight shots.

POLICE'S RECORD WIN

The highest aggregate so far for the Third Division was Police R.C.'s 80 shots against Hongkong Electric. Playing in the Valley, Police won on two rinks by 47 shots which is the biggest margin of win for the season to date in that Division. Each of the two successful Police skips alone scored more shots than the whole Electric total. J. C. Altin's rink scored 36 shots and J. McDonald's 34 and all three Electric rinks could only muster 33 shots.

The performance of J. Altin's rink (J. Hayward, J. S. Riddell and W. McWalter) catches one right smack in the eye. They not only scored the biggest rink score for the Third, but their 30 shot win over J. K. Sloan constitutes another record. They were responsible for Sloan's record low score of six shots (the lowest recorded by any rink in all three Divisions).

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H.K. Soccer Referees' Association

MR. HUGH BEARD IS STILL CHAIRMAN

We are asked to state that there is no truth in the report, appearing in our issue of Monday, May 19, to the effect that Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, and Mr. D. Kosick, Civilian Representative, have resigned from the Committee of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association.

Both gentlemen are still keenly interested in the game of Association Football and the welfare of Referees.

They have no intention of withdrawing their support from the Association and are at a complete loss to understand what gave rise to the false report.

The only alteration in the constitution of the Committee of the H. K. F. R. A. since the last general meeting is Mr. W. H. Foster who has taken the place of Mr. M. Minihan as Army Representative, the latter having left the Colony.

The usual routine committee meeting is not due to take place until Thursday of this week.

(The report was transmitted by telephone and, as the above Association has frequently in the past been in the habit of telephoning items of news concerning their activities, there was no reason to doubt the authenticity of the report at the time. The error is regretted.—Sports Ed. H. K. D. P.)

H.K.E.R.C. RINKS

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday—

W. E. Macfarlane, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron, L. de Rome (skip); A. J. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahan, J. K. Sloan (skip); A. F. Paul, W. Stoker, A. G. Gardner, J. F. Lunny (skip).

LEAGUE TENNIS COMMENCES

Kowloon C.C. Beat H.K.C.C.

Of the three matches in the "A" Division of the Tennis League yesterday only one was played, K.C.C. visiting Chater Road to beat the home team by 5 sets to 3.

Results follow—
L. Goldman and M. Pagh (H.K.C.C.) beat E. F. Fincher and F. Kergbach (K.C.C.) 6-1; beat A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose 6-2; beat A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett 6-2.

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (H.K.C.C.) lost to Fincher and Kergbach 3-6; lost to Guest and Grose 5-7; lost to Crawford and Burnett 2-5.

C. H. R. Oxlade and Dr. A. H. Barwell (H.K.C.C.) lost to Fincher and Kergbach 2-6; lost to Guest and Grose 2-6; lost to Crawford and Burnett 3-6.

Adamson Cup Golf

The following are the results of competitions held under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club over the week-end.

ADAMSON CUP

FIRST ROUND: W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 5 and 4; A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butlin by one hole.

SEMI-FINAL: W. Stoker beat G. E. Willerton (12) 3 and 2; A. E. Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST ROUND: W. J. Buller beat A. L. Powell; W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown; J. Young beat D. W. Beeken; H. Smith beat T. B. Low.

The Stableford Competition, to be held on May 17-18, was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

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SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BASEBALL — League Meeting. (Texas Co. Office, 6 p.m.)
TENNIS — Second Division: C.R.C. v. A.T.C., Kowloon C.C. v. C. S. C. C., South China A.A. v. K. T. G. C. A.

WATER-POLO — Middlesex "A" v. Y.M.C.A. (Army), 6.45 p.m.; Navy C. v. Signals (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

TOMORROW

TENNIS — Third Division: C.D.R. v. A.T.C., C.R.C. (1) v. K. T. G. C. A., Hongkong U.T.C. v. Kowloon C.C., C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2), South China A.A. v. K.T.G.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

BADMINTON — Kowloon Tong Club finals, 7 p.m.

TENNIS — Fourth Division: A. T. C. v. P.O.R.C. (1), C.B.A. v. J. R. C. I. R. C. v. Filipino Club, K.T.G. v. South China A.A., C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

WATER-POLO — Navy "A" v. 96th Bty. (Navy), 5.30 p.m.; 8th Coastal Regt. v. Small Units (Army), 6.45 p.m.; Scots v. Middlesex B (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

LAWN BOWLS — First Division: Recreio "B" v. Recreio "A", Police R.C. v. Craigengower, Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C., Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Indian R.C. Second Division: Hongkong F.C. v. Recreio, Prison R.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Tal-koo R.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Craigengower v. Kowloon F.C. Third Division: Recreio v. Craigengower, Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C., Hongkong Electric v. Hongkong F.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Police R.C.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

WATER-POLO — 5th A.A. v. Navy "B" (Navy), 11 a.m.; 8th Coastal Regt. v. Middlesex "B" (Y.M.C.A.), 11 a.m.

VITAMIN TABLETS FOR CHINESE CHILDREN

NEW YORK CITY, April 25: (By Clipper)—Mr. James G. Blaine, national chairman of the United China Relief, received Dr. Quo Tai-chi, newly appointed Foreign Minister, at the U.C.R. headquarters today and presented him with a cablegram announcing the shipment next week of 5,000,000 vitamin tablets for undernourished children in war orphanages founded by Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Blaine explained that U.S. \$22,500 out of the U.S.\$5,000,000 from America, as well as your campaign will be spent on the purchase of such tablets, the money coming cent by cent from American children to the Children's Crusade headed by Miss Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

The text of the cablegram to Madame Chiang reads: "We are happy to announce an American Medical Bureau shipment next week of five million vitamin tablets made from special formula created by leading American nutritionists. We hope this \$22,500 shipment will relieve suffering of Chinese children you so eloquently described."

FINAL ISSUE

During a brief talk with the 100 workers of the U.C.R. Dr. Quo said: "American material aid to China and Britain will determine the final issue in the present worldwide struggle." He characterised the present world struggle as a fight between the Axis powers and the "ABC combination—America, Britain, China," and said that American aid would eventually prove decisive both in Europe and Asia.

"The great cause of human freedom will not only be spiritually encouraged but the material aid continued."

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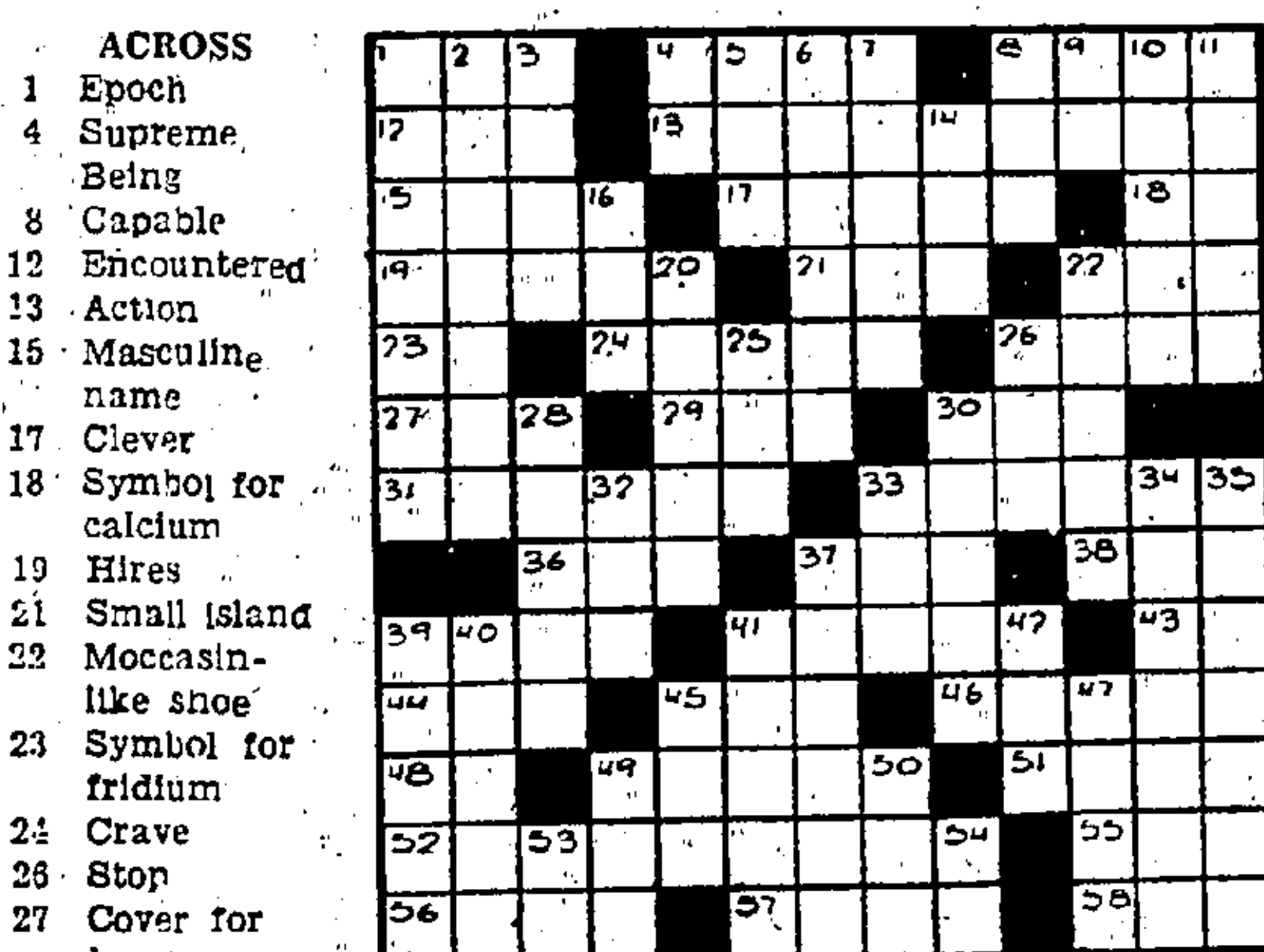
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BASEBALL LEAGUE ANNUAL MTG.

The annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball League will be held today at 6 p.m. at the Texaco Company. Business will include the election of officers and the fixing of the opening date for the official season.

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20—Tides: High 6.20 a.m. and 3.21 p.m. Low: 11.35 a.m. and 11.39 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.58 p.m.
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "Religion and Life," 8 p.m.
H.K. Police Reserve Tea Party to Commissioner of Police, H.K. Hotel, 5.15 p.m.
H.K. Nurses and Midwives Assn. Meeting, Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, District Office, Tai Po, 11.30 a.m.
Tung Wah Hospitals Committee Meeting.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
S. and S. Home, Circuit Quarterly Meeting, 8 p.m.
Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.
Monthly Meeting of Photographic Society of Hongkong, Peacock Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
21—Tides: High 6.57 a.m. and 6.35 p.m. Low: 12.38 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.53 p.m.
H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.
St. Andrew's Fellowship, talk by Brig. Darby, 8.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Vocal and Pianoforte Recital, St. Paul's Girls' College, 8.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of St. Teresa's Youth, 8.45 p.m.
Volunteer Sergeants' Mess Committee Mtg., 5.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.
22—Tides: High 7.27 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low: 12.32 a.m. and 12.4 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.
Entries Close for Sixth Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Social Club, 8.45 p.m.
23—Tides: High 7.52 a.m. and 8.33 p.m. Low: 12.57 a.m. and 1.26 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m.
British Foreign Bible Society Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "How I Became An Old Boy," 8 p.m.
24—Tides: High 8.14 a.m. and 8.18 p.m. Low: 1.37 a.m. and 2.47 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m.
Mandarin Oratorical Contest, St. Stephen's Girls' School.
H.K. Polo Club Gymkhana, Polo Club, Kowloon.

"THE GREAT DICTATOR"

ORIENTAL THEATRE ATTRACTION

Judging by the demand for seats for "The Great Dictator," with Charlie Chaplin in the leading role, now showing at the Oriental Theatre at popular prices, this picture is due for a record run.
The picture, was put on for a prolonged season recently but due to the fact that increased prices were charged, many thousands of cinema fans were prevented from seeing this United Artists' super-production.

As regards the picture itself, it is one of those much-advertised pictures that come up to expectations. Film fans will remember how reluctant Charlie Chaplin was about breaking into the talkies. This reluctance on his part led many to the belief that he did not have the "talkie voice" but when the writer saw him in the "Great Dictator," all such doubts were hastily cast aside.

RARE ENTERTAINMENT
Chaplin's impersonation of Hitler was superb, and when it is added that Jack Oakie, nearly stole the picture in the role of Napoleon (Mussolini), it may readily be imagined what rare entertainment is promised film fans at the Oriental.

In the opening we have Chaplin delivering a speech "a la Hitler." In this he was absolutely too funny for words and then as an anti-climax, we have Chaplin speaking as himself, against the evils of dictatorship. He was grand.
The picture is excellent, and there is never a dull moment throughout.

Dramatic Man-Hunt For Escaped Nazi

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—One of the most dramatic man-hunts ever staged in north-west England, in which blood-hounds, police, soldiers and mobile units of the Home Guard participated, ended yesterday with the capture of the last of five Nazi prisoners who escaped from an internment camp on Friday.
He was a naval wireless officer and the only one of the escaped men who was dressed in civilian

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TALK BY ARCHBISHOP OF YORK "INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE"

Bruckner Symphony

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor). Blumenlied, Op. 38 (Lange, arr. Blotgen); Luna Waltz (Lincke); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

You're Mine (Dance-Sleazy); One Song (film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"); Richard Tauber (Tenor) w. Orch. Tres Jolie - Waltz (Waldteufel); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Girls were made to Love and Kiss (Lehar); Richard Tauber (Tenor) w. Orchestra. Waldteufel Waltz Potpourri (arr. Silbermann) - Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

List in Rhythm (arr. by Rawicz and Landauer); Chopiniana (arr. Rawicz and Landauer); Slavonic Rhapsody (Friedmann).

1.15 Songs from the films.

"East Side of Heaven"—Hang Your Heart on a Hickory Limb—Bing Crosby with Orchestra. "Aunt Sally"—We'll All Go Riding on a Rainbow; If I had Napoleon's Hat - Cicely Courtneidge. "Balalaika"—Ride, Cock-sack, Ride—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. "Listen, Darling"—Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart—Judy Garland with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Roy Smeck and his Hawaiian Serenaders.

Fox-Trots - On a Little Bamboo Bridge: What Will I Tell My Heart?

Fox-Trots - Moonlight on the Highway; Smoke from a Chimney. Fox-Trot: Moon Over Miami. Fox-Trots - You're Laughing at Me; This Year's Kisses (both from "On the Avenue"). Fox-Trots - I Wasn't Lying when I Love You; Midnight Blue.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot - Ten Little Miles from Town; Slow Fox-Trot - They Say - Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Fox-Trots - You're a Sweet Little Headache; I Have Eyes (both from film "Paris Honey-moon").

Geraldo and his Orchestra. Quick-Step - You must have been a Beautiful Baby; Tango - Romany - Jack Harris and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots - Deep in a Dream; Nice People - Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Waltz - Three Green Bonnets - Dan Donovan and His Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay - "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An Hour of Variety.

Vocal Quartet - St. Louis Blues (Handy); I Heard (Redman) - The Four Crotchets with Guitar. Vocal - My Heart Belongs to Daddy (Porter) - Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra. Xylophone and Vibraphone—Running Around—Harry Robbins and The Four Bright Sparks. Vocal—Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love (Porter) - Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra. Vibraphone - Treblein - Harry Robbins and the Four Bright Sparks. Vocal Burlesque - Sunny Boy (de Silva and Others). A Bird in a Gilded Cage (Lamb) - Jerry Colonna with Fiddie and Fuddy Bears. Organ - Temptation (Rag (Lodge); Smash and Grab (Leach) - Donald Thorne. Impersonations - Intro: The Street Singer (Singing "Home"); George Robey; Sophie Tucker (Singing "Some of these days"); Eddie Cantor (Singing "Makin' Whoopee!"); Billy Bennett; Gligli (Singing "Marta—Afrique with piano accompn. Vibraphone and Xylophone - Nutty Woods (Robbins); Buffoon (Confrere) - Harry Robbins with the Four Bright Sparks. Humorous Monologue - Old Sam's Party (Constanduros) - Stanley Holloway with Piano. Vocal - I've Got No Strings (film "Pinocchio") - Pat Kirkwood w. Orchestra. Vocal Quartet - Sweet Sue. Just You (Harris and Young) - The Four Crotchets with Guitar.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World"—No. 4—"International Justice."

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 Violin Solos.

Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. by Kreisler); The Deluge—Frederic (Saint-Saens) - Toscha Seidel with piano accompn. Romance, Op. 78, No. 2; Danse Champetre, Op. 106, No. 2 (Sibelius)—Emil Telmányi, with piano accompn.

9.45 - 10.00 News "In French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Operatic Duets.

"Otello" Love Duet (Verdi)—Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) and Torsten Ralf Tenor with Orch. "The Pearl Fishers"—In the Depths of the Temple (Bizet)—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) & Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone) w. Orch.

10.00 Bruckner—Symphony No. 4. State Capella Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary	4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Summary	8.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	9.00 p.m.
do.	12.00 mid-night
Trans. II & III—News Summary	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

MISSING TEN DAYS

Thrill-Filled Drama At King's Today

A pistol shot in the night... a love note from a girl he never knew... a dynamite-laden holocaust on wheels... together they spell "Missing Ten Days," hailed as a thrill-filled spell of intriguing drama!

The new Columbia film, opening today at the King's Theatre, was directed by Tim Whelan and stars Rex Harrison, the young Englishman who appeared with Merle Oberon in "Over the Moon" and in "Sidelwaks of London," with Vivien Leigh and Charles Laughton.

Harrison is seen as a young member of the British peerage who recovers consciousness in a Paris nursing home, ten days after an airplane crash, to find that he has been hospitalized for a bullet wound! An obvious amnesia victim, he attempts to retrace his steps for the ten days in which his mind had been blank, to discover who shot him and why.

Opposite him is lovely Karen Verne, who makes her motion picture debut, and others in the cast include C. V. France, John Abbott, Joan Marion, Leo Genn and Anthony Holles.

His pursuers found him near the scene of the arrest of his four companions about 15 miles from the prison camp.

ACTION-FILLED AERIAL DRAMA

Trapped In The Sky At Majestic Today

Breath-taking aerial spectacles of planes in flight and being tested, interwoven with the tense suspense of international intrigue and the action-filled drama of a mystery which must be solved, combine to make Columbia's "Trapped in the Sky" both brilliant and thrilling screen entertainment.

The new film, timely screen fare taken from the nation's headlines, opens today at the Majestic Theatre to provide Jack Holt fans with one of the most dynamic and colourful characterisations he has ever given the screen.

An exceptionally strong cast gives the star flawless histrionic support. Ralph Morgan, who was the spy chief in Columbia's "Lone Wolf Spy Hunt," is the chief of the Army Intelligence Service in "Trapped in the Sky."

C. Henry Gordon is effectively cast as the traitor who hopes to sell the plans of the new plane to the highest bidder, once the test flights have failed, and slumbersome Katherine De Mille provides sensual colour to the new film with her performance as the feminine foreign agent.

Others who appear to advantage in the Columbia film are Sidney Blackmer, Ivan Lebedeff, and Regia Toomey as the daring young pilot who falls to his death in testing the new bomber.

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HERR HITLER BANS TRAVELLING

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Herr Hitler has banned his associates from travelling even for private purposes with the result that Marshal Goering has had to abandon the hunting trip which he had planned.
(This is one consequence of Herr Hess' flight, says the Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French agency reporting the ban.)

BERNE, May 19 (Reuter)—The most savage penalties yet enforced against the followers of "General de Gaulle" are reported in a message from Vichy. The War Tribunal at Clermont-Ferrand, it reports, has condemned three non-commissioned officers to death and has imposed sentences of

MOBILISATION IN BULGARIA

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff, has left by air for Berlin, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Independent French news agency.

He will discuss with the Germans the general mobilisation in Bulgaria of all men up to the age of 50, says the report.

The Germans are withdrawing their troops from Greece and want to extend the zone occupied by Bulgarian troops.

Imprisonment ranging from life to 10 years on 17 non-commissioned officers and others for alleged participation in the de Gaulle movement.

MAIN ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS AT AMBA ALAGI ARE NOW COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED

Terms For The Surrender Of Town Under Discussion

KHARTOUM, May 19 (Reuter).—Despite heavy mists and clouds surrounding the towering heights of Amba Alagi, South African and British troops from the south and British troops from the north have succeeded in completely surrounding the main enemy fortifications.

Splendid work has been done by British artillery and also by the South African and Rhodesian air forces and the R.A.F., all of which played an important part in the success of our land forces.

At 8.15 a.m. on Friday, a representative of a section of junior Italian officers asked to be allowed to discuss terms of surrender. We agreed to talk with him provided that he was speaking for the Duke of Aosta.

An order to cease fire was arranged at 6 p.m. and if the terms were not accepted, fire would be recommenced at 9.15 p.m.

It is not yet known here what transpired after the cease fire.

DEMORALISING EFFECT
With the fall of Dessie and the imminent fall of Amba Alagi, the one remaining point of Italian resistance will be Gondar, against which our pressure will be increased by the release of troops from elsewhere.

Should the Duke of Aosta submit to the terms of surrender, it would have a demoralising effect on the other Italian commanders still holding out.

In any case, it is only a question of a short time before all the Italians will be rounded up in Abyssinia, leaving only small scattered bands of Italian colonials and deserters roaming the countryside as bandits.

RESISTANCE USELESS
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta's move to seek terms of surrender does not necessarily mean that the whole Abyssinian

AUSTRALIA IS READY TO DEFEND HERSELF

SYDNEY, May 19 (Reuter).—Australia would not be overawed by any menace in the Pacific, declared Mr. Stewart, the Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech yesterday.

Mr. Stewart said: "We want peace but if any nation thinks it can profit by our preoccupation elsewhere, I can say Australia is ready and able to defend herself."

"I cannot accept with equanimity Mr. Matsuoka's statement that he intends to work for the closest union with Germany."

TWO IMPORTANT DECLARATIONS ON U.S. POLICY BY MR. HULL

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—Two important declarations on American policy were made by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a nation-wide broadcast last night.

First, he asserted that America would find means of ensuring that Britain received adequate supplies. Secondly, he put forward for the first time principles which the Government felt should rule the world when peace was re-established.

Pointing out that much of the United States' foreign trade this year was in "tools of self-defence," Mr. Cordell Hull declared that it would be futile if goods failed to reach those for whom they were intended when Americans had the task of arming and supplying those whose successful defence was vital for their security.

"I have said before, and I say again, that we will not permit this purpose to be frustrated. We will find a way to ensure that weapons, pouring in ever greater volume from our factories, will reach hands eagerly awaiting them."

The paramount purpose of the Axis Powers, Mr. Cordell Hull declared, was to secure control of the seas for purposes of world domination.

NAZI ATTEMPT TO BEAT BLOCKADE

SANTIAGO (Chile), May 19 (Reuter).—Five German boats, carrying important cargoes of coal supplies, left Chilean ports yesterday, namely the Rakhots from Antofagasta, the Quito and Bogota from Coquimbo, the Frankfort from Talcahuano, and the Erlanger from Puerto Monte.

The British armed merchantman Laguna left Antofagasta pursuing the Rakhots.

campaign will be ended immediately, according to the view in London, says Reuter's Military correspondent.

While the Duke doubtless sees that further resistance in Amba Alagi is useless, no mention is made of the other two centres of Italian resistance, namely, the Gondar district southwest of Amba Alagi and the Lakes district, which is about 200 miles south of Addis Ababa.

It is thought probable that following Hitler's instructions to continue resistance as long as possible in Abyssinia in order to keep a portion of the British Imperial forces diverted from their real object—Libya—the Duke will not call off resistance in the Gondar and the Lakes areas.

ITALIAN STRENGTH
It is not known what the exact strength of the Italian forces in Abyssinia is. About a week ago it was estimated that there were about 33,000 Italian and 36,000 native troops, but there has been no official information in regard to their disposition.

If the vast majority have been engaged in the Amba Alagi area, it is likely that the surrender of the Italian forces there will result in the operations being brought to a close quickly in the other districts.

SOLLUM SITUATION

The Germans have regained some of the positions the British captured on Thursday, writes Reuter's special correspondent with advanced British forces near Sollum.

They succeeded in regaining the force which had been scattered by a daring British thrust and employing infinitely heavier armed forces, they recaptured heights above Sollum.

A famous British regiment still holds positions on the coastal plain near Sollum, however. The situation on top of the escarpment is not clear but it appears likely that the Germans have pushed back the British lighter advanced forces.

The Germans have been unable to recapture all their former positions and it is said that their present position leaves them vulnerable to attack on their right flank.

DR. VAN KLEFFENS IN AUCKLAND

WELLINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Ministers, Dr. van Kleffens and Mr. Charles Welter, arrived in Auckland from Sydney en route for conversations with Cabinet Ministers.

Dr. van Kleffens said that if the Dutch East Indies were attacked, they would certainly fight and were well prepared to defend themselves.

Nazi Attempt To Discredit Great Britain Before World

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—In their anxiety to discredit Britain in the eyes of the world, particularly in Greece, it is stated authoritatively in London that the Germans have invented a story which their Trans-Oceanic news service has given to the world.

[The fabrication says that Sir Michael Palaiet, British Minister formerly in Athens, was leaving for Palestine and had said that all future communications between the British and Greek Governments would be transacted through the Greek Legation in London.]

Authoritative quarters in London say that there is no word of truth in the story. Normal diplomatic relations are being maintained between the British Government and her ally, the Greek Government.

IL DUCE AND THE NEW KINGDOM OF CROATIA

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The new kingdom of Croatia is to be developed into a state of "Roman strength," Mussolini announced in Rome yesterday.

He made this declaration at a luncheon to Croat delegates following the Duke of Spoleto's nomination as King of Croatia.

Il Duce described the Croatian Oustachi (Terrorist) Organisation as the "armed guard of the Croat Revolution" and paid a warm tribute to Pavelitch as leader of that organisation.

Following the announcement of the nomination of the Duke of Spoleto to the throne of Croatia, the Croat delegation attended at the Palazzo Venezia for the signature of the military and frontier agreements with Italy.

Before signing, Mussolini and Dr. Pavelitch (the Croatian "Quisling") appeared four times on the balcony to be cheered by the crowd after which Mussolini insisted that the Croats should appear a fifth time by themselves. The agreements were then signed in the presence of Ciano and the Croat delegation, including the secretary of the Oustachi (Terrorist) Organisation.

FRONTIERS DEFINED
The documents comprised a treaty defining the frontiers between Italy and Croatia, a military agreement regarding the Mediterranean coastal zone, a treaty of guarantee and collaboration, a final protocol and an exchange of letters between the heads of the two governments.

Under the frontier agreement the port of Susak near Fiume is to be Italy's though it lies in Croatia. The next port down the coast, Kraljevica, is to be included in Croatia. The coast of Croatia will include the port of Sebenico in Dalmatia.

BARTER PLAN
JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—Materials in exchange for compulsory labour service—this was the bargain struck between Pavelitch, the Croat leader with the Nazi authorities, according to reliable information reaching Croat circles in the Middle East.

Dispatch of 55,000 labourers to Germany was part of the barter plan, it is asserted.

In return, Croatia gets ersatz goods.

It is also stated that capital punishment has been introduced in Croatia for printing and spreading "seditious" leaflets, economic sabotage and strikes.

NEW MAIL SERVICE FOR THE ARMY
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The new aircraft letter service from troops in the Middle East to Britain was inaugurated by General Sir Archibald Wavell in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, beginning "My Dear Jack" and signed "Yours ever, Archie Wavell."

General Wavell says that the service will mean a lot to a great many people and hopes that it will be possible to keep it up regularly.

R.A.F. TAKE HEAVY TOLL OF GERMAN WARPLANES IN MIDDLE EAST OPERATIONS

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—Twenty-one Nazi aircraft were destroyed by the R.A.F. in the Middle East in operations on Saturday night, ranging through Cyrenaica, Greece, Iraq, Abyssinia, the Suez Canal zone and Crete, according to yesterday's R.A.F. communiqué.

In addition, 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit at Hassani aerodrome in Greece. Twenty vehicles were destroyed by fire near Capuzzo.

Continued strafing of enemy bases is reported in an R.A.F. communiqué, which states that on the night of May 16-17, British heavy bombers attacked Benghazi, where considerable damage was done. A number of fires were caused which continued to burn long after the British aircraft had left the target.

Derna and Gazala were also raided. At Derna, explosions, one of which was particularly violent, took place among the buildings south of the harbour.

Fires were caused on the aerodrome at Gazala, which was bombed and machine-gunned.

FIGHTER PATROLS
British fighters maintained constant patrols and shot down two Messerschmitts near Sollum and successfully machine-gunned a large motor transport supply column on the Tobruk-Bardia road and on the Capuzzo track, completely stopping road traffic.

More than 20 vehicles were completely destroyed by fire and many others were damaged. A petrol dump was blown up.

SUEZ RAID
Enemy aircraft raided the Suez Canal area on Saturday night but no damage or casualties resulted to service property or personnel. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed.

RAIDERS INTERCEPTED
When enemy aircraft attempted a machine-gun attack on one of our aerodromes in Crete, fighters intercepted them and destroyed three Messerschmitts and damaged others.

Anti-aircraft fire brought down four enemy aircraft and damaged others.

CHINESE UNITS RECAPTURE TSAOYANG

CHUNGKING, May 19 (Central).—Tsaoyang, important Japanese base in north-eastern Hupeh, gateway to South Honan, was recovered by Chinese troops on May 11 following a vigorous encircling attack.

The fall of the city was preceded by sanguinary fighting, as a result of which the Japanese suffered more than 2,700 casualties, and the loss of large quantities of war materials.

Escaping the Chinese cordon through a loophole, the remnant Japanese fled in disorder along the left bank of the Sha river but were intercepted by the Chinese at Wu-chinglin, Hsunchingchih and other points and decimated.

A Japanese detachment from Ichang clashed with the Chinese near Sungchiatsui and was routed with some 200 casualties.

ADVANCE ON CHUKI
KINHWA, May 19 (Central).—After checking the Japanese at Suki, a point south of Chuki, Chinese troops broke into the Japanese positions there in a surprise attack and inflicted severe losses on the Japanese.

Following up their successes, the Chinese are vigorously pursuing the Japanese fleeing northward toward Chuk.

DOGFIGHTS OVER CHUNGKING
CHUNGKING, May 19 (Central).—The Ta Kung Pao reported that during a Japanese air raid over Chungking on Saturday, Chinese fighters went up and engaged the raiders in aerial combats, a number of which are believed to have been hit and damaged.

Altogether 83 Japanese planes participated in yesterday's attack and dropped over 200 bombs which demolished some 100 houses.

A lone Japanese plane yesterday flew over Enshih in western Hupeh and unloaded eight bombs over the city.

GREEK MINISTERS MACHINE-GUNNED
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—A twin-engined Italian plane machine-gunned the 300-ton boat on which the Greek Minister of Finance, M. Cotzias, and the Minister of Justice, M. Apostolides, were making their way from Turkey to Palestine, reports the Jerusalem correspondent of the Independent French news agency.

No one was injured in the attack and the two Ministers, who have arrived at Haifa, are continuing their journey to "some where in the Middle East."

ANKARA, May 19 (Reuter).—It is reliably reported that the Germans are reinforcing the garrisons of Chios and Mytilene (Greek islands facing the Turkish coast).

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SENIOR CHINESE REVENUE OFFICER IS ACCUSED OF INTIMIDATION

Crowded Court Hears Case For Prosecution Outlined

TWO WOMEN AMONG DEFENDANTS

Seating accommodation in the Third Court of the Central Magistracy was taxed to capacity yesterday when hearing of an intimidation charge against 12 persons, including six revenue officers and two women, was commenced before Major A. N. Macfadyen.

Defendants were MO KANG, 51, Senior Revenue Officer; LEUNG CHING, 23, C.R.O. 77; PAU CHI-YING, 27, C.R.O. 71; LO KAN, 42, C.R.O. 2; IP KWOK-MING, 35, C.R.O. 51; IP YUK, 26, C.R.O. 160; MO YIU-KONG, 29, junior draughtsman; MO KWAN-POK, 21, draughtsman; YU YUK-LIN, 21, married woman; LUI WAI, 31, shop master; LAI YUENG, 42, shop master; and LI LO-SE, 20, woman.

They were alleged to have threatened Chu Pak-yuen, 29, merchant, of No. 109, Des Voeux Road Central, third floor, with injury with intent to alarm him.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, assisted by Det.-Sgt. W. Summers, conducted the prosecution, while defendants were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant was a transportation agent and the principal tenant of No. 109, Des Voeux Road Central, third floor.

On March 13, eighth and ninth defendants called at the premises to sub-let a portion of the flat for use as a girl escort bureau. The rent was agreed upon by both parties and the rear portion of the house was let to them.

KNOW GIRL
It so happened that complainant knew, or was well-acquainted with, a girl escort, named Ngor Ngor-se, whom eighth and ninth defendants wanted to work in their bureau. They asked him whether he could persuade her to join.

Ngor was approached and she agreed to join on condition that she could obtain a loan of \$30 from them in advance.

On March 21, Ngor came to the house. Eighth defendant requested complainant to lend him \$30 to hand over to Ngor. This complainant did, besides making another loan of \$20 to the two defendants.

On April 1, ninth defendant had a quarrel which later led to a fight with Ngor. Being principal tenant, complainant was anxious to settle the matter and telephoned the

police. A detective arrived and took both to the Police Station.

Three days later ninth defendant had another fight with another tenant surnamed Tsui.

DO SOMETHING

On April 6 eighth defendant told complainant that he would call his uncle, first defendant, to do something about the fighting and also mentioned that he would not return the \$30 he borrowed from him (complainant).

Later on, both eighth and ninth defendants left the premises and before they went out, they asked complainant whether he still wanted to get back his money, to which the latter replied in the affirmative.

About 10.30 p.m. on April 9, the 12 defendants came to the house and demanded entrance. On entry they split up into two groups, one going into the rear portion and the other to the front cubicle, where complainant was sleeping at that time.

The second group caught hold of complainant and forced him to go to the rear room, where he was surrounded by the defendants, who uttered certain threats to him. During this time one of the defendants produced a revolver, some police whistles and one a baton.

Meanwhile, one of the sub-tenants, Wu Lai-chen, climbed up a ladder onto the roof and went to ladder the Police, who arrived about 11 p.m. and arrested the group.

After evidence, the hearing was adjourned to June 5, at 2.30 p.m.

LEE-LO



Mr. Lee Sim-kee and his bride, formerly Miss Lo Yuen-ping.—(King's Studio).

SEVEN WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:

Mr. Fong Hong-yek, clerk, of No. 9 Queen's Road Central and Miss Chang Pul-wan, of 317 Hennessy Road;

Mr. Sun Hon quon, merchant, of No. 19 Ewo Street, and Miss Chan So-ngho, of No. 49 Bonham Road;

Mr. Svend Grundahl Hansen, marine engineer, of No. 369 Nathan Road, and Miss Ip Kam, of the same address;

Mr. Lee Pui-yong, merchant, of No. 430 Nathan Road, and Miss Leung Yij-kay, teacher, of No. 593 Nathan Road;

Mr. Chiu Kai-shan, student, of No. 2A Cleverly Street, and Miss Chow Nun-ying, student, of No. 64 Bonham Strand East;

Mr. Eng Ah-nghon, assistant accountant of the Corporation of Rangoon, of No. 179 Wanchai Road, and Miss So Nga-lan, of No. 29 Mongkok Road;

Mr. Wu Chi-chuan, merchant, of No. 2 Humphreys Avenue, and Miss Chen Shu-gieh, of the same address.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced:

Mr. Roy Ernest Heasman, banker, of No. 42 Kennedy Road and Miss Kathleen Joan Archer, lecturer, of the Peninsula Hotel;

Mr. Leonard Adolphus Chance, clerk, of No. 180 Sai Yung Choi Street, and Miss Nelly Ko Wai-ying, merchant, of No. 24 Tam Kung Road;

Mr. Chong Shu-wai, bookkeeper, of the Cheung Banking Corporation, H. K., and Miss Tse Suet-chun, of No. 122A Queen's Road West;

Mr. Chan Wai-nam, clerk, of No. 7 Illumination Terrace, (Tai Hang), and Miss Wong Ki-wan, student, of No. 160 Tung Lo Wan Road;

Harold Noldia Hasell, private of the Middlesex Regiment, Shamshupoo Barracks, and Chan Yock-mui, widow, of No. 45 Yen Chow Street.

B.F.R.D.C. GRANTS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China has recently made the following grants:

Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China, for the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives for maintenance of a training centre in North Kwangtung for two years, to prepare adults and young people (refugees) for work in the co-operatives, N.C.\$60,200; South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children (For Hongkong Home to be in the charge of the Salvation Army) and (For Homes outside Hongkong but in South China), \$10,000.

Shih-hao, Chow Shang, Ling Kang-hou, Ip Lan-chun, Chang Lan-chow, Yang Chien-ni and Miss Hu Mu-lan.

A petition for the establishment of funds for the establishment of the station will be sent to the Chinese Government.

ANNUAL MEETING OF V.D.M.A.

Report On Work Of Eyre Refuge

The annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association was held yesterday at St. John's Cathedral Hall, the Rev. A. P. Rose taking the Chair.

On the platform, supporting the Chairman, were the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Vice-Chairman, Miss Winifred A. Robinson, Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Hon. Treasurer, and Dr. K. L. Reichelt.

THE REPORT

Presenting the annual report, Miss Robinson said: The activities of the V. D. M. A. for the past year are covered by the reports of the Group Secretaries, and therefore the work of your Executive Committee can be dealt with very briefly.

Only three meetings were held, and beyond the decision in regard to the centralisation of funds and payment of block grants through the Central Treasurer, no change in policy has been recorded.

It had been hoped to increase the annual subscription from \$3 to \$5 and also to increase donations to central funds with the object of endeavouring to continue our support of a C. M. S. missionary as well as helping with the support of our Chinese Bishop, but owing to the evacuation and ruling conditions locally it was felt that nothing could be done at present.

It is hoped to form groups in Australia with the idea of stimulating interest and augmenting funds, and enquiries are being made in this connexion.

The responsibility for the Church Guest House and the Eyre Refuge have been assumed by the V. D. M. A., but both have their own working committees.

EYRE REFUGE

Reporting on the Eyre Refuge, the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal said that the Refuge was a home for destitute women and was situated inside the walled city in Kowloon City. The 10 women who were at the present time housed there were dependent for their support on knitting and plain sewing, and orders for long coats for boys and coolies would be very much appreciated and could be sent to him or to the Secretary of the V. D. M. A.

Submitting the report on the Church Guest House, the Rev. A. P. Rose stated that from July, 1940, to May, 1941, there had been 107 guests taken care of there, these being largely missionary families, several missionary societies being represented. Certain renovations had been carried out during the past year. Expenditure for the period from July to December, 1940, had amounted to \$10,957 and income to \$11,466. For the period from January to May, 1941, the expenditure had amounted to \$4,102, and the income only to \$3,714.

Mr. J. A. Tarrant presented the statement of accounts for the year

CURIOUS SITUATION IN LOCAL METAL TRADE

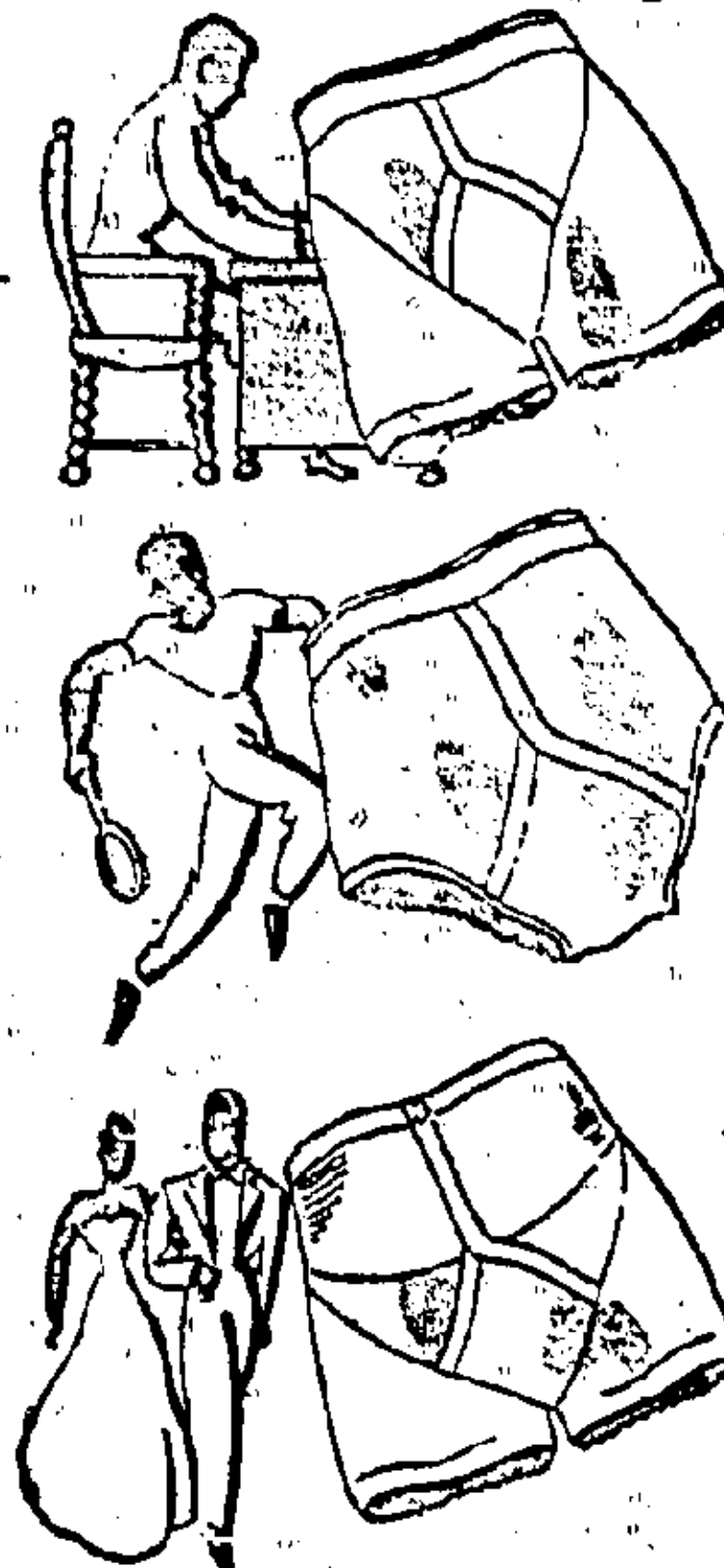
A curious situation has developed in the local metal trade, causing a hold-up in export business to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars, says the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. M. F. Key, O.B.E., in a statement issued yesterday.

Mr. Key then went on to say that the trouble is due to the fact that Chinese dealers of whom there are scores, and sometimes hundreds, in particular trades—are in the habit of carrying on entirely free of Government regulation and never buy the Government Gazette—which in any case they could not read, as it is printed in the official language (English), the language of a minority of the population.

"On March 21 and on May 2 the Director of Supply called upon all holders of stocks of brass, copper, cast iron, steel, zinc and aluminium to make detailed returns showing the quantities of each of these metals (under several sub-heads) held by them by piculs or by tons, with the place of storage. They are also required to make monthly returns hereafter of their stock position.

ONE RETURN!
"Although there are probably 100 holders in Yammah, Kennedy Town, and other parts of the Colony, the result of the notice was that precisely one return came in. In the official view there are, in consequence, practically no stocks in the Colony of the metals men-

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Chinese Constable Gaoled For Demanding \$20

Charged with having demanded, with menaces, \$20 from Wong Tai at Chung Sau Street West on May 3, Police Constable C671, LUK WAI-CHI, 21, of No. 23, Bonham Strand East, second floor, and LAM KWAN-PING, 21, described as a canvasser, of No. 38, Cochrane Street, ground floor, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

First defendant was additionally charged with having accepted a bribe of \$10 from Wong at Wellington Cafe, No. 100, Queen's Road West, on May 5, but this charge was later dismissed.

Both denied the allegations, first defendant being represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ and the second by Mr. D. McCallum.

The case of the prosecution, conducted by Det. Sub-Ins. F. W. Fowle, was that complainant, who was clerk to Chan Wah-mei, of No. 1, Des Voeux Road West, first floor, heard people shouting his name in the street on May 3. Coming out of the house, he found the two defendants, who said that one of his (complainant's) folks had been attacked at his instigation and that they wanted \$30 for medical expenses for the wounded folk.

THREAT OF ARREST
When complainant refused to give the sum, they threatened to have him arrested. Eventually

SPECIAL JURY FOR CHATTEY CASE

The case in which Walter Harold Powlesland Chattey, Captain, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, Nanking Barracks, is charged with a serious offence will be tried by a special jury on Thursday, May 22 at 10 a.m.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, will hear the case, with Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuting. The defence is being conducted by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. R. M. M. King.

Mr. Williams told his Lordship that the case was committed for the June Sessions and applied for it to be advanced to this Sessions.

Mr. D'Almada then made an application for a special jury to be empanelled and this was granted by his Lordship.

MINOR PART

Remarking that second defendant only played a minor part, Mr. Sheldon sentenced first defendant to three months' hard labour and imposed a fine of \$150, or six weeks, on second defendant.

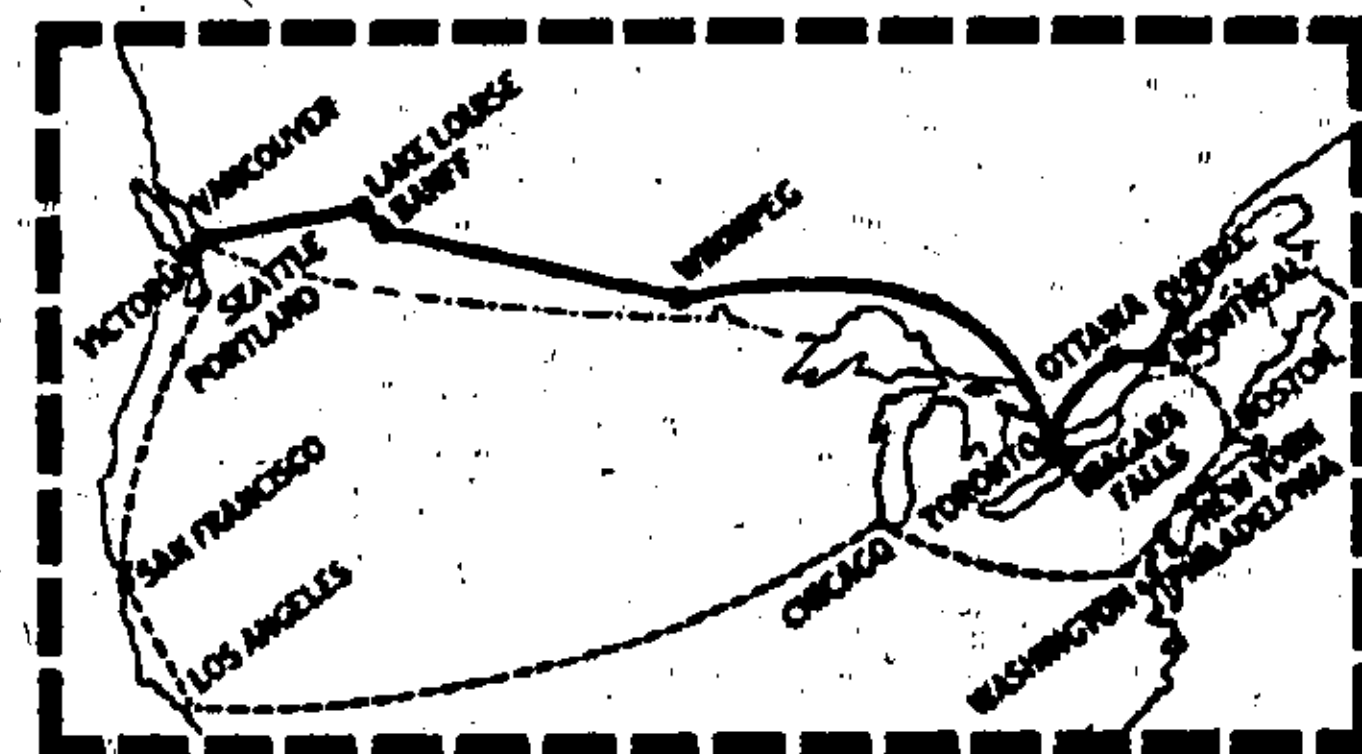
China Child Health Research Station

A China Child Health Research Station will shortly be established here by a group of prominent Chinese to take care of the health of refugee children.

At a meeting they elected 15 of the Board of Directors to form a standing committee. Among them are Messrs. O. K. Yui, Wang Hsiao-lai, Yu Yung, Wu Ting-hsin, Li

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HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on May 18:—Cholera, 12 cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, one case; Enteric Fever, three cases; Tuberculosis, 31 cases.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOTICE.

The MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Thursday, 29th May, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th May, 1941.

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PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF
JAMES DUKE MONRO
late of 44 Murrayfield
Avenue Edinburgh and of
Whitlaid, Broughton, Pee-
bleshire in the Kingdom of
Scotland, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Court has by
virtue of Section 58 of the Pro-
bates Ordinance 1897, made an
Order limiting the time for
creditors and others to send in
their claims against the above
estate to the 14th day of June,
1941.

ALL creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.
Dated the 19th day of May,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-second Ordinary
General Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Offices of the
undersigned on Wednesday, the
21st May, 1941, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers,
together with a statement of
Accounts for the year ended the
31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 7th May to the 21st
May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1941.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Eu and family wish to an-
nounce that the funeral of the
late Mr. Eu Tong-sen will take
place on Thursday, May 22,
1941, at 10 a.m. Friends who
wish to pay their last respects
to the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen
may attend at the Yat Bit
Ting, at Kennedy Town, be-
tween 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

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HONGKONG, MAY 20, 1941.

AN URGENT NEED

THE APPEAL made yester-
day by the leading mem-
bers of the community for
financial assistance to pro-
vide the Colony with a tuber-
culosis sanatorium deserves
the warmest support. De-
spite the many calls which
have been made on the public
generally since the outbreak
of the war in China and Eu-
rope, we feel sure that the
modest sum which the sig-
natories of the appeal hope to
secure for building such an
institution will quickly be ob-
tained. Even the man-in-
the-street realises today what
a serious menace to the
health of the Colony tuber-
culosis is. The figures pub-
lished in the appeal speak
for themselves—5,751 deaths
out of a total of 9,443 cases
reported in 1940. The fact
that over 50 per cent. of the
cases reported have proved
fatal shows to what an ex-
tent the incidence of this
scourge has increased. Under
present conditions, what
chance has the remaining
percentage of cases of re-
covering their full health and
vigour? And this quite apart
from the hundreds of people
who are probably carriers of
the tuberculosis germ, un-
aware that they are so afflic-
ted and whose condition has
not been brought to the
notice of the health au-
thorities.

AS THOSE who have made
this appeal to the public de-
clare, the sum of \$50,000
needed for building a tuber-
culosis sanatorium and the
additional \$12,000 a year
which will be necessary for
its upkeep and maintenance
should be within the means
of the community as a whole,
though it is fair to expect the
Government to bear its share
of this responsibility by mak-
ing a substantial contribu-
tion not only for constructing
the sanatorium, but also to-
wards its maintenance. The
Government, through its
health department, must be
fully aware of the appalling
conditions which prevail
here in the matter of housing
and poverty and other social
ills, which are the main con-
tributory factors to the
spread of this disease. The
excuse which has all along
been put forward was the
scarcity of funds and the
somewhat incongruous stand-
point that the public showed no
desire to co-operate with the
authorities in solving health
problems. There has admit-
tedly been a great deal of
public apathy in dealing with
the social problems in the
Colony, but that was hardly a
reason for permitting condi-
tions in Hongkong to reach
the deplorable state in which
they are today. Here, then,
is an opportunity for the
Government to back up the
efforts that are being made to
meet an urgent need.

IN COMMENDING the ap-
peal which has been made on

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Sir,—Your "disclosures" of our
Rice market is most interesting,
especially the news that the "Chi-
nese Interests" are going to peti-
tion.

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has seen the anxious times gone
through by our poorer and working
classes and the misery caused by a
cruel ring of profiteers I hope that
the Government will adopt a strong
attitude.

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fit Daily Squeeze \$56,000.

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You know as well as I do how
long this has been carried on.
Should the Government show them
any mercy?

Yours, etc.,
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credit of the B.W.O.F.:—

Previously acknowledged £100 &
\$701.89445: Miss M. L. Whitley
(Monthly) 50; Quarry Bay Working
Party 9.50; Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Horden
(Monthly) 10; The Kowloon Cricket
Club—Being part proceeds of Ent-
ertainment "Boy Meets Girl" 400;
B. Lloyd Jones (Monthly) 10; R.
Hancock (Monthly) 25; Dr.
K. W. Chuan (Monthly) 30;
In Memory of T. H. Hynes—Mrs.
Angus & Sons 20; In Memory of
T. H. Hynes—Mr. & Mrs. W. W. C.
Shewan 10; Anonymous (Monthly)
5; Analysts Government Labora-
tories—April 77. Total, \$702,450.95.

PUPPET UNIT
DESERTS

According to military advice, a
puppet Chinese unit under the
command of Kuo Shu belonging to
the Japanese garrison in Tsingtao
has freed itself from Japanese
control and re-joined the Govern-
ment forces.

A number of Japanese were slain
by the men of the unit before they
turned over. They carried with
them full equipment of arms
furnished by the Japanese. (Cen-
tral News)

behalf of the Anti-Tubercu-
losis Association, we earnestly
hope that its members will
become infused with a more
active attitude towards the
whole question of taking
steps to combat the disease.
The building of a sanatorium
alone is not going to check
the spread of tuberculosis un-
less prevention in the early
stages is undertaken by the
proper enforcement of the
health laws of the Colony. It
will interest members of the
association and the public
here to know that in Shang-
hai positive action has begun
in an effort to cure the popu-
lation of the spitting habit.
The recent comments which
were made on this subject
in the Legislative Council
showed that there were a
number of difficulties to be
overcome in enforcing the
law against spitting in public.
But medical experts are un-
animous in the view that in-
discriminate spitting in pub-
lic places and vehicles con-
tributes largely to the spread
of the tuberculosis germ. The
Colony now has a law against
spitting and it must be en-
forced, however much it
might hurt the susceptibil-
ities of certain sections of the
community. It is only those
who have occasion to use
public conveyances daily and
whose business takes them
into every quarter of the city
that realise the danger that
threatens health as a result
of this nauseating habit and
it must, therefore, be grad-
ually, but firmly, checked.

ST. MARGARET'S
WEDDING

Mr. Tsang Hin-ho and his
bride, formerly Miss Mary Tsai
Cheung-yao, who were married
at St. Margaret's on Saturday.
Report on Page 2.—(King's
Studio).

CRIMINAL
SESSIONSFISHERMAN PLEADS
FOR LENIENCY

"I beg your Lordship to deal with
me leniently so as to give me a
chance to be a good man after
serving my sentence." This is the
first time I committed an offence,"
said Kwok Sik-tim, 23, fisherman,
who together with Ho Tim, 33, also
a fisherman, were charged before
the Chief Justice, Sir Athol Mac-
gregor, at the Criminal Sessions
yesterday with robbery by two or
more.

They were charged with robbing
trading junk No. T1387H of its
cargo of kerosene and money and
clothing belonging to the crew on
March 22 one mile south of Tung
Kee Lighthouse.

Both defendants were sentenced
to 15 months' hard labour each.

UNAVAILING PLEA

Pleading guilty to a charge of
robbing Chan Sik-yung of a quan-
tity of potatoes on board a junk
while in British waters on April 5,
Tang Shing, who asked for a lighter
sentence as he wanted to be a good
man once more, was sent to prison
for 18 months.

HILLSIDE ROBBERY

Sentence of 15 months' imprison-
ment was imposed on Lai Kwong
who admitted a charge of robbery
on a hillside near Shatin on April
8. Lai also asked for leniency be-
cause he wanted to go back to the
country to see his mother.

GAOL AND CANING

Fifteen months' hard labour and
12 strokes of the cane were im-
posed by the Chief Justice on Wong
Hung, unemployed, who admitted
two charges of robbery, while Chin
Chu, unemployed, charged on the
first count only, was sentenced to
nine months' hard labour.

In the first count defendants
were charged with robbing Cheung
Yam-chi, clerk, of articles and
money to the value of \$78 at Yiu
Kui Lane, Sutherland Street, on
April 5. First defendant was addi-
tionally charged with robbing Tang
Yuk-chuen of \$12 at Queen's Road
West on April 3.

ARMED ROBBERY

Pleading guilty to a charge of
armed robbery by two or more at
an unnumbered hut at Ha Kwai
Chung village, Tsun Wan, on April
15, Lam Kwai, 19, was sentenced to
eight months' imprisonment.

HEROIN PILLS

Sentence of three years' impris-
onment was imposed on Hui Man,
35, who admitted the unlawful pos-
session of two ounces of heroin
mixture and 11,500 heroin pills at
No. 12 Yuk Sau Street, ground
floor, on March 27.

Asked by his Lordship why he
took part in that horrible trade,
defendant stated that he was not
the owner but they had been left
in his custody. His Lordship re-
marked that they were not con-
cerned with ownership.

POSSESSION OF ARMS

"I do not know the British laws
at all. I brought the arms by mis-
take," stated Lam Sai-jo who ad-
mitted a charge of unlawful pos-
session of one revolver and six
rounds of ammunition at Tai-po on
April 14, and was sentenced to 12
months' hard labour. His Lordship
also ordered the destruction of the
arms and ammunition.

TWO AMERICAN
AMBASSADORS
FETED

A dinner in honour of Their
Excellencies Mr. Nelson T. Johnson
and Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, out-
going and incoming United States
Ambassadors to China, was given
last night at the China Merchants'
Club by the Sino-American Cul-
tural Association.

The party included many names
prominent in the diplomatic ser-
vices both of the United States
and of China, and there were pre-
sent also many leading members
of the Chinese and American com-
munities in Hongkong.

SIR SHOUSON CHOW

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, said, in
part:—

It gives me particular pleasure
to preside at this function, not
only because I am the President of
the Hongkong Branch of the Sino-
American Institute of Cultural
Relations, with my friend Mr. Bit-
ting as Vice-President, but also
because I am one of the oldest
American returned students. I was
among the third batch of Chinese
students sent to America in 1874.

It may seem strange that a na-
tion with the oldest civilisation
should send students to one of the
youngest countries in the world to
seek knowledge and ideals. But in
looking back upon the changes
that have taken place in China
during the past fifty years, we are
grateful to America for much that
she has taught us.

WISE CHOICE

Much as the American returned
students have done to bring the
best of American culture to China,
a greater part of the credit for
the happy relations between China
and America can be attributed
to the wise choice of American
envoys to China. Mr. Nelson T.
Johnson, however, deserves special
mention. His term of office as
Ambassador to China coincided with
the most difficult and most mo-
mentous period of China's history.

Though I have not had the plea-
sure of knowing Mr. Clarence E.
Gauss more intimately, his pleas-
ing personality and proven ability
have won him high and deserved
promotions and honours during
the last few years.

Today the tie between China,
America and Britain is closer than
ever. Both Britain and China look
to the United States for aid in
their life-and-death struggle
against aggression, and I feel sure
that with close co-operation be-
tween these three great countries,
we shall all come out winners.

SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL

Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall said:—
Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. Bit-
ting have asked me to say a few
words on behalf of the Chinese
guests. I gladly obey their behest,
but should like, if I may, to speak
not only on behalf of my com-
patriots who are here as guests,
but also on behalf of the whole
Chinese community.

The presence in Hongkong of two
Ambassadors from the United
States of America at one and the
same time is an event unique as
it is gratifying. That gratification
is enhanced by the thought that
these two distinguished personages
are great friends and great bene-
factors of China. All the world
knows the measure of the help
which their Excellencies Mr. John-
son and Mr. Gauss have given to
China; and the Chinese of Hong-
kong are profoundly grateful to
them and to the great country
which they have represented with
such outstanding ability and
success.

The salvation of this batter-
ed world lies in the hands of
America, Britain and China,
whose co-operation is directed
towards the service of the
common good of all men and
all peoples. But it is to the
United States of America more
than to any other country that
the nations in subjugation look
for release, and the whole
world looks for a restoration of
peace and order.

I venture to address to America
a few lines which were dedicated
to her by one of her own eminent
sons, James Russell Lowell:
"Our hearts, our hopes, our
prayers, our tears,
Our faith, triumphant o'er our
fears,
Are all with thee, are all with
thee."

By the grace of God, and with
President Roosevelt, Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Winston
Churchill at the helm of these
three great Nations, our hopes and
our prayers will, I feel sure, be
answered.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY
IN AMERICAN-CANADIAN
ECONOMIC RELATIONS

"There is one thing that all Americans know about
Canadian-American relations and that is that the border
between the two countries is completely unfortified," said
MR. CHARLES HITCH, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT
OXFORD UNIVERSITY, when he broadcast from London
yesterday on present day economic co-operation between
the United States and Canada.

"I was taught this in school
in the Middle West," said
Prof. Hitch, "and one distin-
guished visitor who was mak-
ing a tour of the States and
Canada became so tired of
being told in so many places
that there were no fortifica-
tions on the border for so
many miles, that he found
himself longing for the sight
of one little gun there."

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

"No one will under-rate the im-
portance of an unfortified fron-
tier. It shows that these two
countries have lived side by side,
without recourse to force of arms
or war and divided only by an
artificial line of latitude. Judged
by the standard of practice in
other countries, this is a wonder-
ful achievement."

Prof. Hitch went on to say that
as an achievement, however, it
was limited. It had been achieved
by a loyal understanding by either
side. In the early months of this
war, each country had followed its
own independent policy. The
Canadians were all optimistic
about the war and Canada soon
became the pivot of the Empire
air training scheme. In addition
to pilots, Canada also arranged to
supply Britain with primary ma-
terials and the necessary basic
metals.

Then Canada speeded up produc-
tion of warships, food and goods
of all kinds. Most of these were
being turned out to American
specifications with American meth-
ods and with American machine
tools and a long and unfortified
border served a positive as well as
an inactive purpose.

U.S. REACTIONS

The same reactions were pro-
duced on the other side of the
border. The danger was realised
and it was met by a changed pol-
icy. Canadian Imperialists and
Canadian nationalists were for
once agreed and American inter-
ventionists and American isola-
tionists were similarly affected.

"The co-ordination called for
in both countries is of two
types," continued Prof. Hitch,
"military and economic. Mil-
itary co-ordination comes first
and following an agreement
between Mr. Mackenzie King

FUNERAL OF MR.
C. A. DE
C. RODRIGUES

By the death of Mr. Carlos
Augusto de Carvalho Rodrigues,
which occurred at his residence,
No. 130, Austin Road, Kowloon,
yesterday morning, at the age of
51, the Portuguese community lost
a highly respected member.

The late Mr. Rodrigues was, in
his younger days, a very keen
sportsman and a popular athlete.
He represented Hongkong in In-
terport water-polo against Shang-
hai.

Prior to his retirement last year
he was connected with Messrs.
Ellis and Edgar as an accountant.
Deceased is survived by his
widow, six daughters, three sons,
the eldest of whom is L. Rodrigues,
a University graduate, a nephew
Dr. A. M. Rodrigues and a cousin,
Mr. E. Carvalho.

The funeral took place yesterday
afternoon at the Roman Catholic
Cemetery. Rev. Fr. Angeli offic-
iated at the service in the Chapel
and at the graveside.

THOSE PRESENT

Besides the chief mourners,
those present included Messrs. D.
E. M. Demee, J. Gardner, A. Reis,
J. L. Alves, A. M. d'Eca, J. M. d'Eca,
F. Soares, C. Soares, F. E. A. Re-
medios, F. K. R. Remedios, L. E.
Lammert, G. Brown, Dr. G. A. V.
Ribeiro, F. Ellis, A. Ellis, E. Figu-
redo, C. M. Correa, A. Alves, A.
Barros, R. M. Omar, R. M. Silva,
P. M. N. da Silva, V. C. da Rocha,
A. V. Gosano, B. Franco, H. Re-
medios, C. Rozario, C. R. da Silva,
M. Souza, L. Souza, M. Barros, J.
M. G. Silva, C. A. Ribeiro, G. A. M.
de Graca, Bro. Michael, and many
others.

With the exception of a sheaf
of flowers from the wife, daughters
and sons, and which was interred
with the casket, there were no
wreaths by special request.

and President Roosevelt, the
Canadian and United States
Governments combined to set
up a joint defence board.

"More important and more com-
plex, however, is the economic co-
ordination. There are two prob-
lems in the economic field to be
solved—the first is the problem of
what things each country should
produce, and the second is the
problem of finance and they are
both closely related."

DIFFERENT IN CHARACTER

Prof. Hitch said that Canadian
industry and American industry
were very different in character and
that it would be to the advantage
of both countries if they could
concentrate on goods needed for
their defence.

Under defence production an-
other joint board had been set up
for mobilising the resources of
the two countries so that defence
articles could be produced quickly.
Details of the division of labour
had yet to be worked out, but it
was now known that Canada
would supply the labour and that
America would supply the tools
and engines.

"The other problem of economic
co-operation is the question of fi-
nance," said Prof. Hitch. "Since
the balance of Canadian trade is
more favourable than it was be-
fore, this is Canada's problem.
Canada normally imported most of
her needs in the way of machine-
tools, machinery and other goods
from the United States and sells
commodities like nickel. But most
of her needs were settled in a
three-way transaction with Brit-
tain."

Prof. Hitch said that Canadian
sales to Britain were much more
than what she bought from Brit-
tain. These were paid for in
sterling, which was exchanged
into dollars, with which Canada
paid the United States. Now that
Britain was short of dollars, pay-
ment could be made in this way.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Another agreement had attempt-
ed to solve the problem by increas-
ing Canadian exports to the United
States and in addition, goods taken
to Canada for re-export to Brit-
tain would not have to be paid for
in dollars. If further difficulties
arose in the future, Britain hoped
to be able to overcome them.

"About the wider significance
of this new spirit of co-operation
it is too early to say much," con-
tinued Prof. Hitch. "The new
doctrine is obviously to be extended
to Canada, but it is a doctrine of
the good neighbour type. It is an
agreement to reciprocate and it
involves the development of the
hemisphere system."

"Meanwhile, there was no desire
to weaken the unity and integrity
of the British Empire. The agree-
ment between Canada and the
United States represents the aim
of asking the people of the two
countries to think alike and to
talk alike in solving technical prob-
lems in a practical way."

NEWSETTES

Dr. J. T. Smalley has moved his
office to Gilman Motors, Kimber-
ley Road, Kowloon, Tel. 50993, and
his residence to No. 2, Kadoorie
Avenue, Kowloon, Tel. 50011.

Mr. W. H. Hudson will address
the Hongkong Rotary Club at its
weekly meeting today on "A Bird's-
Eye View of French Indo-China." The
speaker at the Club's meeting
on Tuesday next, May 27, will be
Mr. H. Brokenshire on "Gilbert and
Sullivan."

A number of well-known artists,
including Mr. G. D'Aquino, Mr. J.
R. M. Smith and Mr. E. O'Neill
Shaw, will take part in a Christ
Church concert, to be held at St.
Andrew's Church Hall at 8.45 p.m.
on Friday in aid of the Victoria
Diocesan and Missionary Associa-
tion.

The death occurred on May 12,
at his home, Lane 1407, House 6,
Yu Yuen Road, Shanghai, of
Candido Emilio de Lopes e Ozeiro
(Cavaleiro da Ordem de Christo
e Membro de Ordem de Cruz
Vermelha) aged 74 years. A Re-
quiem Mass was held at the
Church of Christ the King, Rue
Bourgeat on May 15, and was fol-
lowed by burial at the Bubbling
Well Cemetery.

BROADCAST BY HOMELESS
BRITISH BABIES

Bombed and destitute children of all ages from a few months to four years old, whose parents have been killed in air raids, at a nursery training college somewhere in England, where they are now recovering confidence and happiness. This photograph was taken when they were visited by Cecil Madden and a BBC microphone. A description of the scene, including the voices of the children at play, was broadcast in the BBC's Overseas short-wave service. There are now over a hundred children permanently in the college, which is supported by the American Air Relief Committee, the British War Relief Society of U.S.A. and the American Red Cross.

"WAR WEAPONS
WEEK"

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—London's "War Weapons Week" received a huge boost today when the Lord Mayor of London received a cheque for £5,000,000 from an assurance company, to be invested in war bonds.

Other commercial and financial firms have promised a total of £4,000,000.

MYSTERY LAKE

On Fraser Island, or, as it is popularly known, Great Sandy Island, is one of the phenomena of nature. Several mystery lakes of fresh water are to be found there, and although at an elevation of 350 feet above sea level, they rise and fall a matter of some feet with the tides. Reputed to be very deep they have yet to be fathomed.

Abundant with tropical scenery these lakes are never visited by the aborigines. A curious feature of the water is that should it be kept longer than a day or so it putrefies. Birds are never seen in the near vicinity of their shores while fish do not frequent their depths.

NEW ENVOY TO
BRITAIN

DR. WELLINGTON KOO, the new Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, London, in succession to Dr. Quo Tai-chi, who has been appointed Foreign Minister in the Chungking Government.

TERMS ACCEPTED

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by desertions, casualties and capture of prisoners, is not definitely known.

In Gondar, which is practically surrounded, there are probably about 8,000 Italians and a few thousand native troops.

Amba Alagi controls the communications north and south of the country.

There is no further news whether Gondar and Jimma were included in the terms of surrender.

DALLE TAKEN

Dalle, the important road junction 35 miles south of Selassie-mann, in Abyssinia, has been captured, it is officially stated.

GENERAL DENTZ
ON SYRIA"Incidents" Result
Of Armistice Terms

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Army of the Orient, whose supreme commander is Marshal Petain, and which enjoys the sympathy of the whole population, is ready to meet force with force," declared General Dentz, the Viceroy Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Syria, in an announcement broadcast from Beirut.

General Dentz said that Britain had decided to oppose by force the German planes which landed in Syria. Marshal Petain had already declared that France had no animosity towards England or her Empire.

"Saturday's incidents do not mean the occupation of the country or interference in its affairs. They result purely from the application of the Armistice terms. This is the whole truth."

FORCE WITH FORCE

"France, Syria and Lebanon, which are bound together today more than ever in brotherly understanding, will not endanger their just cause by carrying out aggressive activity, the result of which will be sacrifice of innocent people here or elsewhere. I have been entrusted with the duty of defending this country, and I shall carry out my duty to the best of my ability."

General Dentz concluded with a declaration about meeting force with force.

DEATH OF MR.
K. S. HON

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. Hon. Kam-shing, a retired Government servant, at the age of 63.

The late Mr. Hon. was formerly attached to the Central Magistracy and later with the Import and Export Department.

He was the father of Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, the solicitor, and Mr. Hon Yun-lum.

DEATH OF COL.
M. HOLE

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The death occurred in a London nursing home of Colonel Marshall Hole, who was well-known in Rhodesia in the early days of the occupation.

He acted as private secretary to Dr. Jameson when the latter was Administrator of Rhodesia and subsequently became Chief Magistrate of Salisbury.

SRINIVASA IYENGAR

MADRAS, May 19 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Srinivasa Iyengar, former President of the National Congress.

KARACHI, May 19 (Reuter).—The Indian population of Eritrea have not suffered casualties on account of the war, according to an Indian businessman just returned here.

PROBLEM OF POST-WAR
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORGANISATION

Taking as his subject "The Problem of Post-War International Economic Organisation," DR. HENRY F. GRADY, President of the American President Lines, recently delivered a thought-provoking address at a luncheon meeting of Teachers of International Law at Carlton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Some of the questions which Dr. Grady posed were these:

To what extent after the war shall we be able to sell the surplus products of our farmers and industrial workers in world markets?

Will the international mechanism of trade be restored or shall we have to resort to the barter system of primitive peoples?

Shall we be able to enjoy, in a higher standard of living, the economic benefits arising from world-wide specialisation of production made possible by multilateral trade, or shall we, as a result of economic nationalism, have to work longer and harder for a livelihood?

THE ANSWERS

"The answers to these questions," said Dr. Grady, "now depend largely on us, on the ability of American labour and management to co-operate, on their efforts to hold down costs and prices, and on the willingness of individuals, economic classes and sections of the country to subordinate their special interests to the supreme national objective of aiding the democratic cause."

Dr. Grady believes that if the outcome of the struggle in Europe is the division of the world under totalitarian auspices into a number of closed economic regions, then he thinks our problem of post-war international economic organisation is to maintain equality and freedom in the commercial relations of the Western Hemisphere and the British Commonwealth of Nations as a nucleus around which an international democracy may ultimately be built.

MERELY POSSIBILITY

"But such totalitarian economic organisation," he added, "is not inevitable. It is merely a possibility, one of the forks in the road of civilisation which society can choose or reject, and it is admittedly one which does not lead to the greater well-being of humanity or to an enduring world peace. On the contrary, it leads directly to conditions out of which further world conflict must come. So why choose it?"

However, Dr. Grady explained, we cannot expect, in the event of a victory for the Democracies, to restore the exact status quo, adding:

"Society is constantly changing. Inventions, discoveries and developments in science and technology have naturally been accompanied by changes in social institutions. To say that capitalism is doomed, if by capitalism is meant

our way of life today, is merely a sensational way of saying that history is a record of change.

"Capitalism so defined has died many deaths. The capitalism of 1900 was far different from the capitalism of George Washington's time, and the New Deal capitalism of today is different from that of 1900. I have no quarrel with anyone who enjoys the sport of phrase-making, provided the essentials of free enterprise and democracy are maintained. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Dr. Grady said Democracy cannot be gained by merely fighting for it, continuing:

THE LAST WAR

"We fought in the last war to make the world safe for democracy, but refused in the period of peace which followed to assume by membership in the League of Nations our share of the responsibility for the shaping of a democratic international society. We felt that we could rely on isolation for security regardless of what happened to the rest of the world."

"We even refused to co-operate with other countries in order to build a more prosperous world community. Instead we raised barriers against world trade which, especially in view of the heavy international payments having to be effected in the post-war period, contributed in no small part to financial and economic instability of the world and ultimately to the great economic depression, disillusionment, and social unrest out of which arose national socialism."

REALITIES TO FACE

"If we believe in democracy, these are the realities we have to face and it takes more courage and intelligence to face them than it does to face the dangers of totalitarianism. Unless we are prepared to proceed after the war in accordance with our convictions, as we were not after the last war, then we are wasting our time talking about the preservation of democracy."

"It is my conclusion, therefore, that the problem of post-war international economic organisation, regardless of the outcome of the present European conflict, is in so far as we are concerned, to preserve and advance the liberal trade policy which we have pursued since 1934."

"The prospects of success will of course be encouraging in the event of a British victory. In other circumstances our task may be much more difficult, but all the more important for then the cause of freedom must look to the New World alone for refuge and strength."

CIVIC GUARDS
OF KARACHI

KARACHI, May 19 (Reuter).—The Governor of Sind, Sir Hugh Dow, reviewed the civic guards of Karachi, paid tribute to their public spirit and declared the usefulness that could not be doubted when unrest is spreading throughout the world.

Turning to the communal dissension in India, the Governor discerned in the Civic Guards a means of promoting the great fellowship between various communities.

COMMUNAL HARMONY

DACCAR, May 19 (Reuter).—During his visit, the Home Minister of the Government of Bengal invited suggestions, from members of the Central Peace Committee and other prominent people for the restoration of communal harmony in Dacca.

FILM EVENING
AT Y.M.C.A.

An interesting film evening was spent by members of Hongkong Amateur Cinema Club and their friends in the West Lounge, European Y. M. C. A., yesterday.

A selection of news of the day and comedies was projected. Among them were Europe's Total War, Bombs over Europe, War at Sea, and three comedies.

The Club's membership totals 15, including seven associate members. The Club realised \$141 and \$46.42 from two public performances and these sums were contributed to the B. W. O. F. and Bomber Fund, respectively.

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Recent Mail
From London
Has Arrived

All recent mail from London with the exception of two consignments have arrived in the Colony safely.

The two overdue despatches are one sent via Cape Town by British Overseas Airways bearing London date between March 4 and 10, and the other, via the surface route across the Atlantic and Pacific bearing London date between April 13 and 20.

However, no news of their loss has been received, and the only conclusion that could be drawn now is that they must have been delayed en route.

The despatches that arrived safely are—London mail via Pan-American Airways and trans-Atlantic dated April 24; via Cape Town and British Overseas Airways dated March 10; surface mail via Atlantic and Pacific dated April 29.

BRIGANTINE
LAUNCHED

The 55-ton brigantine, Nstra Str de La Paz (Our Lady, of Peace), was launched at the Wing On Shing Shipyard, Shamshulpo, yesterday.

The vessel, which is 58 feet in length, 15 feet wide with a draught of seven feet, has storage capacity for 400 gallons of fuel, and 300 gallons of fresh water, and is owned by Lt.-Col. Juan L. Calvo, of the Philippine Air Corps Reserve, and Lt.-Col. Antonio Arnaiz, who plan to sail her round the world.

Other members of the adventurous party are Mr. Rafael d'Almeida, Mr. Adolf Fernandez, a newsreel photographer, and a crew of two Chinese and two Filipinos. Lt.-Col. Calvo flew from Manila to Madrid in 1935.

FATAL FALL

A 59-year-old woman, Chan Fong, who was picking up wood on the No. 7 Railway Bridge on Sunday, got excited on hearing the whistle of an approaching train and ran over the edge of the bridge, sustaining fatal injuries in her fall.

"THAT'S A GOOD GIRL"



Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph, famous stage partners in many of London's West End successes, broadcasting in a B.B.C. adaptation of "That's a Good Girl."

READS B.B.C.
NEWS

With a large, door key down his back, in an effort to stop a violent attack of nose-bleeding brought on by sudden stage fright, NORMAN CLARIDGE, one of the B.B.C.'s new Overseas announcers and news readers, played his first part on the stage as 'Backbite' in The School for Scandal. He has been with many famous repertory companies, including Sir Frank Benson's Shakespearean Company, and Sir Barrie Jackson's.

WAR TAXATION
INCREASE

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Addressing the London Chamber of Commerce, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the increase in taxation since the autumn of 1939 involved £788,000,000.

That was more than the annual average of the whole taxation revenue for ten years.

FRENCH PRISONERS
RELEASE

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Vichy radio says that Franco-German negotiations are continuing in "a favourable way," and speaks of German concessions, such as the release of 100,000 captured French N. C. O.'s and men who served in the last war.

But it says nothing of the concessions the French have made to the Germans.

U.S. AMBULANCE
DRIVERS LOST

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—Twenty-four American ambulance drivers aboard the Egyptian steamer Zamzani which is reported sunk in South Atlantic, is announced here by the British-American Ambulance Corps.

JAPANESE MISSION
IN ITALY

ROME, May 19 (Reuter).—The Japanese military mission, headed by General Yamashita and Admiral Nomura, have arrived in Rome.

The mission will visit the Western front, war factories and Italian naval and air bases, states the Italian News Agency.

LORD GORT AT
ALGECIRAS

GIBRALTAR, May 19 (Reuter).—Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, paid an official visit to the Spanish military Governor of Algeciras this morning.

Lord Gort made the journey by sea.

It is understood that the visit was cordial and that the Spanish Governor is expected to return the call on May 28.

STRIKE OFF

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—A tentative agreement of wages was reached between coal owners and the Anthracite miners.

The strike was due to begin today but it is now hoped that work will be resumed tomorrow.

D. Q. SOUTH

TRESPASSER FINED

Kong Wing, who pleaded guilty to the charge of trespassing in a prohibited area, namely, No. 4, Hill, Shing Mun, on May 18, was fined \$10 or ten days' hard labour by Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday.

BOY KILLED

Chan Siu-lan, 12-year-old boy, fell from the roof of an A. R. P. Shelter, near Tai Nam Street, on Sunday and was removed to the Kowloon Hospital with severe head injuries. It was reported that he died yesterday morning.

EMERGENCY
RELIEF

Acting under the orders of the National Relief Commission, the Kiangsi Provincial Relief Association has appropriated \$100,000 for emergency relief of various cities in northern Kiangsi. The sum is distributed as follows: Kaosan, \$2,200; Shangkaio, \$23,000; Feng-shan, \$15,000; Wuming, \$10,000; Sinkien, \$5,000; Ifeng, \$10,000; Fengchen, \$6,000; and Tsingkiang, \$4,000.

RELIEF OF YUNNAN U.

In view of the heavy damage inflicted upon the National Yunnan University during the Japanese air raid on Kunming on May 12, General Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, has appropriated \$40,000 for the relief of the students and faculty of the University.

Mr. Hsiung Ching-lai, President of the University, called on General Lung and thanked him for the donation.—(Central News).

RELIEF WORKER LEAVES

Mr. Cheng Pao-nan, China representative of the American Bureau of Medical Aid to China, who recently arrived in Hongkong from America, has left for Kunming, via Chungking on a tour of investigation, during which he expects to confer with different relief organizations.

Mr. Cheng's mission is to study the relief situation in the interior and to expand the scope of the Bureau's work of a permanent nature.

After his visit in Kunming, Mr. Cheng will proceed to Kwiyang and thence to Chungking.

Alleged Overcharging For Freightage: Judgment Given Defendants In Court Claim

REASONS IN WRITING FOR GIVING JUDGMENT TO DEFENDANTS IN THE ACTION IN WHICH THE TAI HING LAN, a firm of No. 380 Des Voeux Road West, claimed the return of money alleged to have been overcharged for freight by the Shun Cheong Steamship Navigation Company, of No. 24 Connaught Road West, were given by Mr. Justice P.E.F. Cressall at the Summary Court yesterday.

Mr. F. I. Zimmern represented the plaintiffs while Mr. D. McCallum appeared for defendants.

THE JUDGMENT

His Lordship said:—

In this case the plaintiffs claim from the defendant company \$335.22 which they allege is the sum of money they were overcharged as freight on a consignment of 592 bales of cassia.

The facts proved or admitted are as follow:—

The plaintiff firm are general importers of merchandise, the defendants being the agents for the owners of the s.s. "Tai Boa Shek". On or about Feb. 2 the steamer loaded cargo at Kwongchowwan and there was put on board at that port by the Tai Yan Wing Firm 592 bales of cassia consigned to the plaintiffs in Hongkong. The usual mate's receipt was signed on behalf of the ship and a bill of lading was made out, one copy being given to the representative of the shipper, and one retained by the ship's authorities for delivery to the plaintiffs.

ALLEGATION DENIED

The steamer arrived at Hongkong on Feb. 9 and the plaintiff firm having been notified took delivery of the goods by paying the amount of freight charged, i.e. \$1,764.72. Subsequently the plaintiff firm protested to the defendants as to the amount alleging that the bales of cassia had been wrongly measured. The defendants replied denying the allegation.

On March 4, 1941, a firm of marine surveyors at the request of the plaintiffs measured 592 bales of cassia then lying in godowns of the plaintiff company and found that the total measurements were 2,475 cubic feet as against the 3,749 cubic feet on which the freight had been charged.

The plaintiffs thereupon brought the present action for the recovery of what they allege was overcharged them.

ENTIRE CONTRACT

Now, before dealing with the case as a whole, it may be convenient to state at the outset what the term "freight" is generally understood to mean. Freight is the reward payable to the carrier for the safe carriage and delivery of goods; it arises on a contract for the conveyance of merchandise, and is in its nature an entire contract, so that, as a general rule, nothing can be demanded for freight until the contract is completed by the delivery of the goods at the place of destination.

If, therefore, a person receives goods from on board a ship, which are shipped to the shipper's order, he makes himself by acceptance of the goods liable to all the terms of the bill of lading. This is well settled law and I do not think the solicitor for the plaintiffs disputes the fact that this is so. His argument, as I understand it, is based on the ground that his clients contract with the defendant firm is nothing to do with the original contract entered into by the shipper at Kwongchowwan but is an implied contract which arose at Hongkong when delivery of the goods took place. In other words, his contention is that the receipt of the goods by the consignee amounts to evidence of a new contract, distinct from the contract of carriage entered into by the shipper, whereby the consignee, in consideration of the owner giving up his lien on the goods, agrees to pay the freight. This principle has been laid down in a series of familiar decisions and no objection can be taken to it.

LEE-KWOK



Mr. Lee Su-tong and his bride, the former Miss Kwok Sung-duck.—(King's Studio).

but as was held in Allen v. Coltart (1883) 11 Q.B.D. 782 it is a question of fact, to be determined by reference to the circumstances of the particular case, whether this contract exists or not.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE

Now, what are the circumstances of the case under review? It is clear, and indeed not disputed by the plaintiffs, that the Tai Yan Wing firm of Kwongchowwan were at all material times the agents of the plaintiffs. That they (the Tai Yan Wing firm) in the ordinary course of their business as agents, engaged cargo space on the steamer and put the goods on board on f.o.b. terms. That the goods were the property of the plaintiffs at the time they were put on board and remained their property when delivery took place at Hongkong. That their agents signed the bill of lading (see exhibit C), which stipulated inter alia, that after the freight has been fixed the shipper is not allowed to pay less for the same.

Now it has been suggested by the plaintiffs that their agents were not authorised to purchase cargo space on their behalf and that their sole duty was to put the goods on board.

CONTENTION UNACCEPTABLE

I cannot accept this contention and I find as a fact that the Tai Yan Wing firm were at all ma-

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Material times the duly authorised agents of the plaintiffs and that in accepting the terms and conditions of the bill of lading they bound their principals, i.e. the plaintiffs, to the contract of carriage entered into with the steamship company. That being so they cannot now protest that they were overcharged. The time for protesting was when the cargo space was engaged and when the measurement took place at Kwongchowwan.

For these reasons I hold that the plaintiffs have failed to make out their claim and there must be judgment for the defendants with costs.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

"VERY MEAN OFFENCE"

A 30-year-old unemployed appeared before Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday accused of a "very mean offence."

He was Lau Kiu-wai, of no fixed abode, who was alleged to have stolen two earthen incense pots from a grave in the Mohammedan Cemetery, and three flower pots from the Colonial Cemetery.

Det. Sgt. J. Bentley said that defendant was seen by a district watchman in Tai Yuen Street; in possession of the earthen wares. He was questioned and admitted stealing them from the above places.

"There is a lot of this kind of theft going on," added the Sergeant, "and I ask Your Worship to take a serious view of the case. The offence is very mean."

Denying one previous conviction, defendant was remanded for 24 hours for checking his fingerprints.

FALSE PRETENCES

Chau Tong, 26, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

It was alleged that he attempted to obtain the sum of \$8 from Chan Lam at Wing Lok Street by trying to sell to him (complainant) two tubes of Government opium, whereas they contained substance other than Government opium.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours for making further enquiries, on the application of Det.-Sgt. W. Summers.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing of the case in which Chu Sau-fung, 30, unemployed, of No. 9, Ming Yuen Street West, first floor, is charged with obtaining money by false pretences was fixed for June 13 by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

It was alleged that Chu obtained the sum of \$200 from one Yim Sau-man at Queen's Road Central on Mar. 10 as payment for a certain business, by falsely pretending that the Sun Tai Luk Studio, Johnston Road, was for

sale and that he was going to buy it, whereas in fact, the said Studio was not for sale nor had he such intention.

It is understood that Mr. C. J. Kwan is appearing for the defence.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

ASSAULTED CONSTABLE

Convicted on a charge of having assaulted Police Constable C684, Chan Wing, while the latter was in the execution of his duty, at Hennessy Road on May 17, Chan Chu, 27, shop foki of No. 145, ground floor, of the same road, was fined \$15 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Insp. F. T. J. Portallion, who prosecuted, said that about 4.25 p.m. on the day in question, C684 went to the shop and asked for the name of the master as he wished to take out a summons against him for road obstruction. While the police officer was taking the name down, defendant came out of the premises and struck him on the left side of the body, tearing his tunic.

COMMON GAMING HOUSE

Lau Tong, 26, unemployed, of No. 53, Shing Wo Road, third floor, was fined \$50 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping the ground floor of No. 40, King Kwong Street as a common gaming house for "pal kau" on May 17.

Of the 13 others on a gambling charge, only 7 were present in Court and they were fined \$2 each. The absentees had their ball of \$5 each estreated.

Table money amounting to \$5 picked up was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

ATTEMPTED FELONY

Chan Kin-lam, 28, was charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday with being found in a dwelling house.

Sgt. J. Ferrier said that about 3.35 a.m. on May 15, a woman at the above address got up and saw

accused walking on the passageway towards the door. She raised the alarm and defendant took to his heels towards the verandah.

Later another occupant went out to the verandah to find accused lying on the street, apparently having jumped down from the verandah.

Accused admitted that he went there with intent to commit a felony.

Defendant, who had two previous convictions, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

LOITERERS GAOLED

Appearing on remand before Mr. Macnamara yesterday, Lai Pang, 27, and Lo Wah, 31, convicted on the charge of loitering at the staircase of No. 200, Prince Edward Road, Sgt. F. Roberts' residence, were sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

Lai had nine previous convictions and was still under Police supervision, while Lo had ten previous convictions.

JUNK MISTRESSES FINED

Eight junk mistresses were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday with approaching within 30 yards of a British ship lying at the China Merchants Wharf on May 17, while she was flying the H. over N. N. flag, which means no person other than Immigration officers are allowed to go on board.

First five accused were each fined \$25, while the remainder, who had previous convictions were fined \$50 each.

Inspector R. Cunningham was in charge of the case.

YOUTH KILLED IN FALL FROM ROOF

As a result of a fall from the roof of an A.R.P. shelter at Tai Nam Street, a 12-year-old boy, Chan Sin-lan, of No. 323, Tai Nam Street, died in the Kowloon Hospital yesterday morning of head injuries sustained from the fall.

According to a report, the deceased and other boys were playing on the roofs of the A.R.P. shelters on Sunday when he accidentally fell down.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 19, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	44 1/2
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	10 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8	
and demand	82 5/8
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:—	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, May 19.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/8 for Forward. American Silver was unquoted.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Dull.
STERLING
No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
A small business was done early in the morning at 24 1/2 for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with small sellers at 24 1/2 for near and forward, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Quiet. There were sellers at 45 1/2, buyers at 45.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Quiet. There were sellers of Sterling at 3 9/32 for Spot and U. S. Dollars at 5 11/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Quiet.

STERLING
The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Nothing doing. (The market closed with sellers at 24 9/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.)

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
The market closed with sellers at 45 1/2, buyers at 45 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling closed with sellers at 2 9/32 for Spot and U. S. Dollars at 5 11/32 for Spot. Dull.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 19 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8	0/3-1/8
New York	5-3/16	5-3/16
Japan	22	22
India	17-1/4	17-1/4
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4	20-3/4

	Spot	May	June
U.S. Dollars	24-11/32	24-11/32	24-11/32
Spot	24-11/32	24-11/32	24-11/32
May	24-11/32	24-11/32	24-11/32
June	24-11/32	24-11/32	24-11/32

Market: Quiet but steady.
Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24-1/2 per cent.

COTTON MERCHANT KIDNAPPED

Yao Yu-tai, owner of the Yu Hwa Cotton Mill in Shanghai, was kidnapped last night on Rue Massenet in French Concession, according to a Shanghai dispatch.
Ransom is believed to be the motive of the abduction. (Central News).

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 17, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	12.97	12.84	12.88	.04 up
New York Rubber, July	24.35	24.35	24.35	unch.
Chicago Wheat, July	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, July	72 1/2	72 1/2	73	1 off
New York Hides, June	14.87	14.82	14.83	unch.

NEW YORK COTTON Close Closing Change
July 12.88/88 12.92/92 .04 up
October 13.04/04 13.06/06 .02 up
December 13.10/11 13.13/15 .03 up
January 13.10 N 13.14b .04 up
March 13.15/15 13.20/20 .05 up
Spot 13.29 13.33 .04 up

Total sales Friday:—173,200 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 18.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	July (New contract)	24.35/35	24.35/35	unch.
September (")	23.80b/85a	23.80/80		unch.
December (")	23.30/35	23.35b/39a		.06 up
March (")	22.95 N	23.01 N		.06 up

Total sales for the day:—160 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	July	98 1/2/98 1/2	97 1/2/97 1/2	1 off
September	98 1/2/98 1/2	98 1/2/98 1/2		1 off

Friday's sales:—14,085,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	July	73/73	72 1/2/72 1/2	1 off
September	73 1/2/73 1/2	73 1/2/73 1/2		1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

June	14.83/83	14.83b/85a "	unch.
September	15.03/05	15.03b/05a "	unch.
Total sales for the day:—73 lots.			

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NEW YORK COCOA

	September	7.85 N	Closed	
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The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

September	2.48b/46a	2.44b/45a	.01 off
Volume of business done:—101 lots.			
The last trading day for No. 2 Sugar is: 11-1-23			

Volume of business done:—101 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	July	.84b/.84a	.84b/.84a	unch.
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NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	July	11.75b/98a	11.75b/99a	unch.
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NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	July	10.87/87	10.87b/68a	unch.
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NEW YORK LARD

	September	9.87/87	9.92/92	.05 up
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NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	September	7.12b/15a	7.11b/17a	.01 off
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The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.
N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 unquoted
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4 4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 16.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1932)	103-7/16
Defence Loan, 3 1/2%	101 1/2
Jantion-Koon Rly. 5%	9
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	39
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	20 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	7-9
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	48
Honan Rly. 5%	12
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	9
S'hai-N'king Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	23 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	5
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	76 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	12 1/2
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, dia. 25, "G"	11 1/2
Bank Syndicate	1 1/2
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	16 1/2

H.K. Stock Exchange

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1310.
Bank of East Asia, \$71.
H.K. Fire Ins. X.D., \$176.
Indo-China (P.F.), \$30.
Providents, \$5.06.
Hotels, \$2.85.
Lands, \$31.
Lights (O), \$5.70.
Electricity Rts., \$11.35.
Macao Electric, \$18.50.
Ropes, \$5.50.
Entertainments, \$6.25.

SELLERS

Macao Electric, \$18.90.
SALES
H.K. Banks, \$1310.
Lands, \$31.
Humphreys, \$3.40.
Trams, \$15.90.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, May 19, 1941.

	SALES
H.K. Electric (O)	100 \$22.25
Humphreys	133 6.40

The total value is \$3,076.20.

S'hai Waterworks "A"	15
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kaiumpong Rubber	15/-
Lom. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	12 1/2
Great Western Rly.	33 1/2
National Bank of India	31 1/2
B-A Tob (bearer)	88/9
Dunlop Rubber	34/3
Bristol Aeroplane	9/10 1/4
Imperial Chemical Ind.	30/9
United Steel	22/7 1/2
Woolworths	47/9
Marram Investments	6/3
Western Holdings	10/6
Sub-Nigel	143/9
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	40/-
bid	40/-

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 18, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	May 17	Kennecott Copper	May 17
Alleghany Steel Co.	5 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	35 1/2
Allis Chalmers	20 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	29 1/2
Amer. Can.	79 1/2	Loew's Inc.	20 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	36	Martin, Glen L.	28 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	11 1/8	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	12 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	19 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	149 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	64	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	North American Co.	12 1/2
Anacosta Copper	25 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	27 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13	Pennsylvania R.R.	24
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation	39 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	69	Radio Corp. of Am.	3 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	12 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Borg-Warner	16 1/2	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	16 1/2	Reynold Tobacco, "B"	29 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	3 1/2	Shell Union Oil	14 1/2
Celanese	20 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	34 1/2	Southern Pacific	11 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	56	Southern Rly. 5% pfd.	23
Columbia Gas & Elec.	2 1/2	Spler Manufacturing Co.	29 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	2 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	2 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Consolidated Edison	17 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	36
Consolidated Oil	6	Studebaker Com.	4 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Courts Wright (C.)	8	Technicolor	8 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	65	Texas Corp.	39 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	140 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Union Pacific	80 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pfd.	55 1/2	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 6% pfd.	59 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	9 1/2
Elec. Payer & Light 7% pfd.	32 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Flintkote	12 1/2	United Corp. 3% cum pfd.	21 1/2
Gen. Electric	28 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7
Gen. Motors	37 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	12 1/2	U.S. Steel	52 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	Vanadium	23 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	Valtee Aircraft	4 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	16 1/2	Walworth Co.	4
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	88 1/2
Great Western Sugar	23 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	25 1/2
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Chase National Bank	23 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	National City Bank	24 1/2
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To promote the economic development of Kiangsi, the Kiangsi Provincial Government in conjunction with the Ministry of Economic Affairs has decided to establish a factory for the manufacture of hamp fabrics.

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NEW MINISTRIES

The newly created Ministries of Food and Trade will be formally established in the near future, according to a Ta Kung Pao report, which adds that the organic laws of the two ministries have been drafted and are awaiting final approval by the Central Authorities. (Central News).

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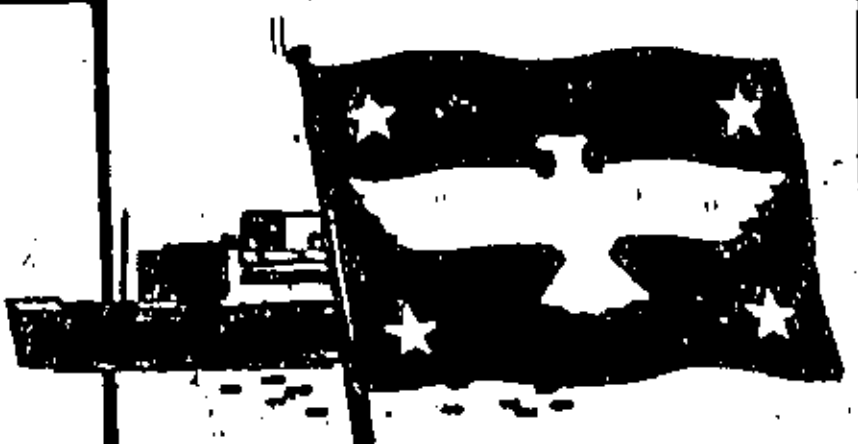
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H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police
CHINESE COMPANY

Appointment: The undermentioned Police Reserve Constables have been appointed to the rank of Acting Lance Sergeants as from May 7, 1941:—R32 Yeung Po Kan, R33 Lam Shiu So, R35 Leong Wing Cheong, R43 Lau Chik Kai, R44 Wai Hin Shing, R61 Lo Yuk Nam, R75 Joseph Anthony Yim, R78 Yeung Wing Kwai, R127 Phillip Tam Pak Hing, R142 Seah Cheow Hong, R175 Lam Hon Wai and R193 Edward Joseph Lee.

Leave: Sub-Inspector (R) Ts'o Huk On has been granted leave of absence from May 15 to 31, 1941.

During the absence on leave of Sub-Inspector (R) Ts'o Huk On, Acting Sub-Inspector (R) Lai Yu Kwong will be Acting Officer in Charge of "B" Company until further orders.

Training Course (Part I): Those detailed will attend for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, May 21, at 17.15 hours sharp at Murray Barracks Parade Ground. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Inspection Parade: All ranks of the Indian Company will parade on Wednesday, May 21 for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander, A. and B. Companies will fall in at Murray Barracks Parade Ground at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform. Cap with Khaki Cover. Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain and Truncheon. "Pocket-Policeman" and Notebook to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course (Part II): Those detailed will attend Reserve Headquarters for Part II of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 269 Imam Din on Friday, May 23 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course (Part I): Those detailed will attend Murray Barracks Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, May 21 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Riot Drill: All ranks of "A" Company, Kowloon Section, will attend under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa for Riot Drill at Kennedy Road on Friday, May 23. Dress: Khaki Uniform. Riot Batons to be carried. Van will leave Police Reserve Headquarters at 17.05 hours sharp.

Training Course (Part I): All members of the "B" Company will parade at Murray Barracks Parade Ground on Wednesday, May 21 at 17.05 hours sharp under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Training Course (Part III): All members of the "B" Company who have not yet qualified in Part III of Training Course will attend Police Reserve Headquarters at 17.05 hours sharp on Thursday,

ALL CROWN LAND SALES RECORDS SMASHED

All records established at previous Crown Land sales were smashed yesterday when a small garden lot, measuring 3,420 square feet, situated at Pokfulam Road, was the centre of such keen bidding that the ultimate purchaser PAID 29½ TIMES ITS UPSET PRICE OF \$171.

Starting at the upset price, the first bid raised the amount to \$200, to be followed immediately by another bid of \$50. This was "topped" by \$100 which amount was again raised by another \$50. And so it went on—for every bid of the first bidder his opponent bettered by \$50—until finally the first man gave up at \$5,050, which worked out to approximately \$1.48 per square foot as against the upset price of FIVE CENTS per square foot!

After the sale, it was ascertained from the buyer—Mr. Eu To-sang, who represented the Door Fook Co. Ltd., of No. 52, Wing Lok Street—that the lot adjoins another lot owned by his firm.

THREE LOTS

There were altogether three lots offered for sale yesterday, when Mr. E. B. Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands, acted as auctioneer.

The first to be sold was Inland Lot No. 6155, situated at Tsat Tse Mui Road, with an area of 8,000 square feet and an upset price of \$9,000. By gradual bids of \$100 the amount was raised to \$12,000 when it was finally knocked down to the original applicants. The National Lacquer and Paint Products Co. Ltd.

One of the conditions attached to the sale of this lot was that the buyers "shall expend thereon" a

sum of not less than \$10,000 in rateable improvements.

Mr. G. van Wylick, who was acting on behalf of Mr. Wallace Hansen of Messrs. John Manners, Ltd., was the successful bidder, at \$11,100 (or more than two-and-a-half times the upset price), when Rural Building Lot No. 443 at Repulse Bay Road was put up for sale at \$4,000. The area of this lot is 20,000 square feet.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The sum to be expended in rateable improvements on this lot is \$25,000. Among the special conditions attached to the sale of this property were "that the purchaser will not be allowed to erect any buildings on the lot except one residence of European type"; "a filtered water supply from the Government Waterworks will be arranged for on payment of a contribution of \$100 per house in addition to the cost of the connection"; "the purchaser shall pay into the Colonial Treasury, on demand, a sum not exceeding \$500 being the cost of connecting the drainage on the lot to the government sewer"; and "the purchaser shall pay into the Colonial Treasury, on demand, a sum not exceeding \$2,000 towards the cost of constructing the sewer in Repulse Bay Road."

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TRAFFIC FATALITY

Private Durben, of R.A.S.C., was involved in a traffic accident on Sunday when he knocked down a woman, Hui Sze, who died instantly.

According to a report Pte. Durben was driving car No. 2117 along Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, about 5 p.m. when the woman suddenly ran across the road. He braked but was too late to avoid the accident.

MARINE COURT

CONVICTION REGISTERED

Fines of \$5 were imposed at the Marine Court by Lt.-Cmdr. J. Jolly yesterday on Wong Tai-so, 30, and Leung Sam, 25, boat people, charged with having anchored their craft during prohibited hours at a distance less than 100 yards from the low water mark at Jardine's Wharf, West Point.

BOATMEN FINED

Charged with having moored their boats between Wilmer Street and boat station and Eastern Street during prohibited hours, Lam Ho and three other boatmen were fined \$5 each.

May 22 for instruction under Police Sergeant R444 W. E. Dorabjee.

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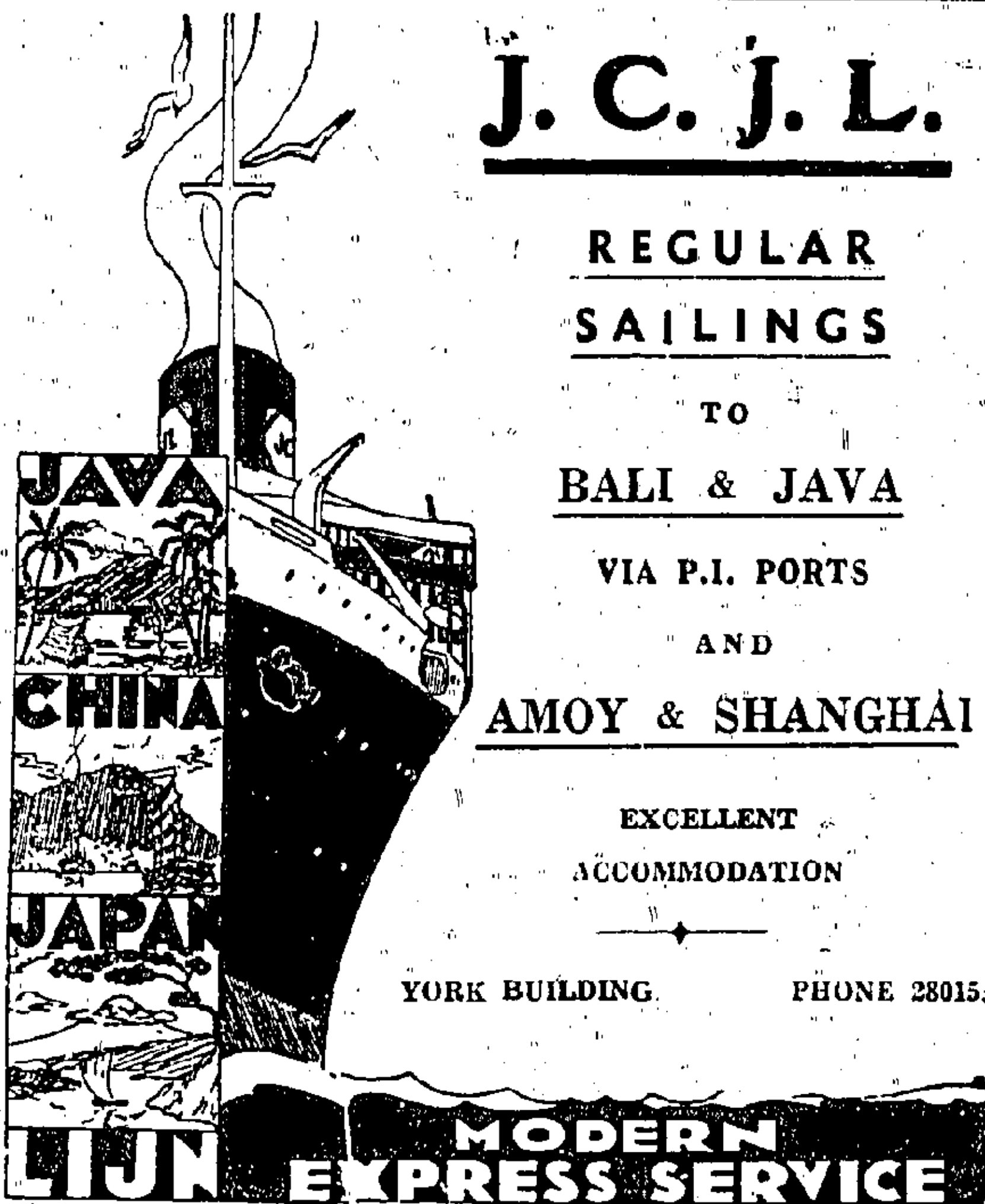
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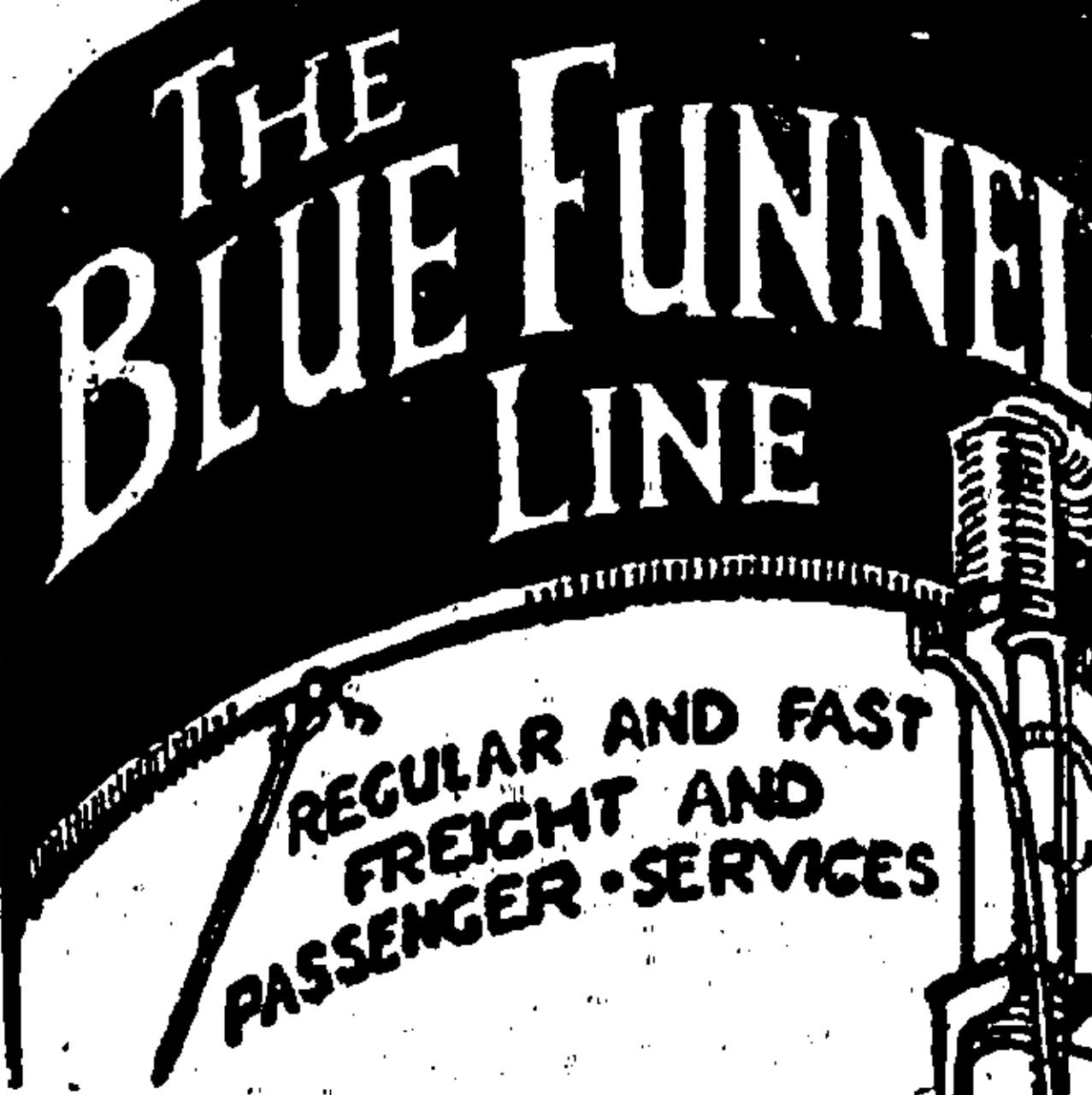
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SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

Rev. C. Brown New Chairman

At the May Committee meeting of the Social Service Centre of the Churches, the Dean, having resigned the Chairmanship of the Centre on his appointment to the Bishopric of Singapore, the Rev. Cyril Brown occupied the Chair. A very cordial welcome was extended to him as the new chairman, and he was assured of the loyal support and backing of the Committee, and their gratitude to him for undertaking the leadership of the work.

The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach was asked to report on the Equitable Rice Sales Fund of which he is Director. He reported that the rice is being sold at three centres, one in Kowloon and two in Hongkong. There is a very big demand for the first-quality rice which is being sold at the centres at \$14.80 per picul. The immediate consequences of the opening of these centres had been that the rice dealers in these districts had at once reduced their prices, and many of them were now advertising Government rice for sale at Government prices.

Mr. Wittenbach also reported on the sale of firewood at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Kowloon, saying that they were selling about twenty tons of firewood per day at 50cts. per picul.

VITAL IMPORTANCE

The Committee received Mr. Wittenbach's report with the greatest satisfaction. A large proportion of those who come to the Social Service Centre for help are people to whom the prices of firewood and rice are of vital importance, and for most of them it means the difference between starvation and a sufficiency of food to have the bare necessities of their life available at this lower price.

The Secretary's report on the work of the Centre during the month of April was most encouraging. 2,501 people had come to the Centre for help. The needs of all of them had been wisely and kindly investigated, many of them had been given financial relief and arrangements made for several to enable them to get back to their native districts. A large number had been sent to Government refugee camps.

Several generous gifts of money had been received during April, including \$5,000 from the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, \$1,000 from the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council, and \$1,000 from the Hongkong Jockey Club, as well as donations from individuals, amounting to over \$7,000.

INCREASED DEMANDS

It will be readily understood with the greatly increased numbers of people coming each day to the Centre for help, there are greatly increased demands on the funds of the Centre. Those members of the general public who are desirous of having a share in this very necessary work are asked to send their donations to the General Secretary of the Social Service Centre of the Churches, at the Old City Hall.

FEAR-OBSESSED JAPANESE BOMB NINGPO HAMLETS

KINHWA, May 19 (Central)—Obsessed with persistent fear of Chinese guerrilla attacks, the Japanese at Ningpo during the past few days dispatched scores of planes to conduct wide-spread bombing raids over various villages in the surrounding areas of the city.

Indicative of the heavy extent of the damage inflicted, at least 80 per cent of the houses in the bombed areas have been wrecked or razed by fire. Even isolated hamlets in the hills were not spared.

BRITAIN HAS RAID FREE DAY

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Yesterday had been a quiet day as far as daylight air activity over Britain was concerned.

There had been slight enemy air activity around the coasts but no enemy planes flew inland.

According to the Air Ministry communique, up to 7.30 p.m. there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.

Up to a late hour last night there were no reports of German aircraft over Britain since dusk.

D.M.S. Accedes Partly To Representations By K.R.A. On The Maternity Wards In Kowloon Hosp.

THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, REGARDING THE CLOSING of the greater portion of the private maternity wards in the Kowloon Hospital, have been partly acceded to by the Hon. Director of Medical Services. This was disclosed at the May meeting of the General Committee of the Association held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall recently.

Those present at the meeting were:—Mr. D. W. Munton, President; Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews, Vice-President; Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Hon. Secretary; Mr. R. H. Wong, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. L. R. Hidesono, Dr. S. G. Kirkby-Gomes, Mr. Lam Ming Fan, Major C. M. Manners, Mr. R. Pestonji, Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Mr. R. J. Shrigley, Mr. D. O. Silver, Dr. J. T. Smalley, Mr. J. N. Sweeney, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, and Mr. B. Wylie.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Braga, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Miss E. M. Gibbins, Mrs. H. F. Phillips and Dr. A. M. Rodrigues.

The Hon. Treasurer in presenting the financial statement for the past two months, reported a gratifying increase in the membership, there being fifty-nine new enrolments so far this year.

MATERNITY WARDS

The matter of the temporary closing of most of the maternity wards in M2 Block of the Kowloon Hospital received considerable attention. Correspondence on the subject that had passed between the Association and the Medical Department not having proved effective towards a solution of the problem, the Hon. Director of Medical Services had courteously suggested that a representative be appointed to discuss the question fully and frankly with him, and Mr. B. Wylie had been delegated to carry out this duty.

Mr. Wylie in the course of his report on the discussion, stated that he had happily been able to obtain from the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke some concession in the matter. The Hon. Director of Medical Services had stressed the fact that the arrangement for the better utilisation of the wards concerned, was only of a temporary character, and when conditions demand the occupation of these beds for maternity cases, he is prepared to restore them all to their former use.

EMERGENCY CASES

In the meantime, in order to meet, at least in part, the wishes of the Association in this connection, he is also prepared to give instructions to the Senior Medical Officer, Kowloon Hospital, to accept primiparae and, of course, all emergency maternity cases.

The Hon. Director of Medical Services further assured the Association that the authorities at Kowloon Hospital took steps at the inception of the reorganisation to discriminate as regards the type of patient to be admitted to the non-maternity wards of M2 Block, so as to prevent any reasonable possibility of infection.

In adopting the report of Mr. Wylie, the meeting appreciatively recognised the earnest effort which the Hon. Director of Medical Services made to meet the views of the Association, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to express the Committee's thanks to him for his patient consideration of the question and for the courtesy tendered to their delegate during the discussion.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Two traffic matters were discussed, one being the danger of serious accidents occurring at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf on the Kowloon side, when the third class passengers are leaving the exit upon the arrival of a ferry. The majority of these passengers, too impatient to wait until all the vehicles have passed from the ramp, persist in clambering through the two-bar fence and rambling across the car park, while the cars and trucks are coming out.

It was the opinion of the Committee that the addition of expanded metal or wire-netting fencing of about 5½ feet high to the existing two-bar piping fence around the West side of the car park for a distance of about 120 feet, would probably result in most of the third class passengers using the pathway on the West or harbour side to Jordan Road, as was originally intended and which is very desirable.

The other traffic matter attended to was the diversion of No. 5 Bus route, complaints having been received that the altered terminus in Jordan Road is very inconvenient for the majority of the residents who use this bus route.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES

Among other questions brought up for discussion, the recent increase in the charges for electricity by the China Light & Power Company was mentioned. Several members of the Association had complained that the cost of living was already high enough, and that the increased electricity charges would add a further strain on a large section of Kowloon residents.

While everyone deplored any addition to the already high level of living expenses, it was generally recognised that the producing of electricity is almost entirely dependent upon imported materials, particularly coal, and that owing to the tremendous advance in landing costs especially transport charges, a corresponding increase in production costs is inevitable.

It was, however, decided to write to the China Light & Power Co. Ltd. in the full confidence that they will be good enough to furnish the Association with an adequate explanation of the situation.

Memorial Service For Gen. Hsieh

A memorial service for the late Lieut.-General Hsieh Ching-yuan, Commander of the famous Chinese "Lone Battalion" during the Shanghai war of 1937 who was killed last month by four members of the battalion in the internment camp in Shanghai, was held yesterday (Sunday) by Chinese public organisations, and schools at the Hongkong-Kowloon Teachers Union.

The service was officiated by Mr. Kok Siu-wah while Mr. Li Ju-nan made a review of the life of Lieut.-General Hsieh. Several hundred people were present.

Elegiac scrolls were presented by General Wu Tschien, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, and other prominent personages and organisations.

NEW CHINA STUDY COURSE

Four-hundred-and-forty enrolments in the New China Study Course under the auspices of the China Campaign Committee have been registered in London.

The purpose of the Course is to provide the British people with knowledge and understanding of China's geography, history, culture, foreign relations, struggle for independence, national reconstruction and role in future world affairs.

Professors Tawney and Fleure agreed to be judges in China essay contest. Already essays have been pouring in. In the school competition over 100 essays have been received and more are expected as the date of entry has been extended.

The essays received from the schools indicate urgent need for better textbooks on China. The Council of the China Campaign Committee is now compiling a bibliography of up-to-date books.

The keenness of the British youths and people in the study indicates their deep sympathy and interest in China's cause and also their eagerness to get a true picture of modern Free China.—(Central News).

BLOODY FIGHTING IN FUKIEN

SHIUKOW, May 19 (Central)—Following the Chinese re-entry into Lienkong on the north bank of the Min River, 1,000 Japanese reinforcements were called in from Mamoi, key point at the bend of the Min River, about 10 miles below Foochow, Friday afternoon. Bloody fighting took place in the outskirts of Lienkong.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 20th MAY, 1941.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H. K. \$2.00 per ½ oz. for letters and H. K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

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Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service".	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
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Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
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Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

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